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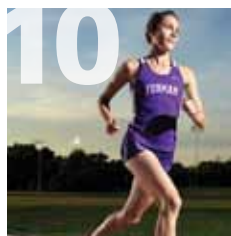
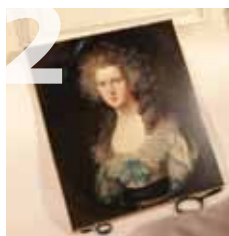


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

“NO MAN IS AN ISLAND,” wrote the poet John Donne. Nor is any great university.

It is easy, and tempting, to think of Furman as a “bubble.” Indeed, the phrase “the Furman bubble” is part of the lexicon and lore of this place, a phrase sometimes used as a positive — to connote the beauty, tranquility, safety and security of the campus (all wonderful attributes) — but more often uttered as a critique.

The time has come to burst the bubble and do all we can to push Furman out into the world, and invite the world into Furman.

As we consider Furman’s past, present and future, we must cipher into the mix the accelerating swells and swirls that surround us. Furman must now think and act globally, politically, culturally and economically.

We recruit students, faculty and staff from around the world. We send students and faculty on study abroad programs to Asia, Africa, Australia, South America and Europe. Furman feels the impacts of political upheavals, such as the Arab Spring; of economic uncertainties, such as the sovereign debt crisis in Europe; of natural calamities, such as earthquakes, hurricanes or tsunamis.

On the American scene, Furman is affected by our national culture, politics and economics. It will matter whether President Obama or Gov. Romney is elected president, or which major party controls the Congress, or who is appointed to the Supreme Court. It will matter whether the economy recovers or regresses. It will matter whether employment figures move for the better or the worse, or whether markets ascend or decline.

Closer to home, Furman is inextricably intertwined with the future of South Carolina, the Upstate, and Greenville. If our region makes progress in education, health care, jobs and the environment, the rising tide will raise our boat. If the region suffers, Furman will suffer as well in attracting the best and brightest students, faculty and staff.

Furman is also part of a broader system of American higher education. Here, too, the times they are a changin’.

Since 1986 tuition costs nationally have risen 500 percent, more than four times the rate of inflation. The Great Recession that began in 2008 is now extending into a Great Slowdown — and Great Reckoning. Real income for most families across all levels of society has declined. The housing market has not recovered, and will not anytime soon. Unemployment remains stubbornly high. Families, businesses, lenders — everyone is increasingly skittish about the accumulation of debt. And consider this stark fact: a family bearing the full cost of sending a child to Furman for four years must now pay more than \$200,000. That is more than the median price of an American home.

Something’s gotta give.

We offer at Furman an extraordinary, enchanting, magical educational experience. We nourish the mind and the spirit in a gorgeous setting. We have a brilliant and passionate faculty and staff, dedicated to the growth and development of the whole person. We have a storied and robust Division I athletic program.

But all this diamond brilliance, all this value, will dissolve to naught if we are insular, isolated and indifferent to the forces around us. We must find a way to be affordable. We must find ways to be more efficient, more attentive to the economies and opportunities offered by the Internet and new technologies, more incisive and persuasive in projecting our message into new and traditional markets around the nation and the world.

We cannot wait for the bubble to burst on us. We need to burst it first, with innovation and creativity, reaching out to the world that beckons.

Over the course of the 2012–13 academic year, our trustees, faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni will ask searching questions about the future of higher education, and how to best position Furman to prosper in making wise, creative and bold decisions to secure our place within that future. In the great tradition of the liberal arts, let us be guided by the wisdom of the ancient Greek historian Herodotus: “He is best who, when making his plans, fears and reflects on everything that can happen to him, but in the moment of action is bold.”

— ROD SMOLLA



Is the Lady for Real?

*The history
and mystery
of White Oaks'
signature
painting.*

By Hugh Belsey &
Elizabeth Hamlett

In the drawing room of White Oaks, the Furman president's home, a portrait of a woman hangs above the fireplace. With an almost imperceptible expression she gazes upon the room, which is adorned with antique art and furniture.

The painting, *Portrait of Lady Impey*, is the crown jewel in a collection that was carefully acquired by Charles and Homozel Mickel Daniel, generous Furman supporters who were the original owners of White Oaks. Charles Daniel's company built many of the original buildings on campus, and the university's dining hall and chapel are named in his honor. Mrs. Daniel, for whom the music building is named, dedicated much time to collecting 18th- and 19th-century European antiques to furnish their Georgian-style home.

Although she owned many beautiful pieces of art and furniture, Mrs. Daniel seemed intent upon purchasing a "masterpiece" painting for White Oaks. Toward this end, in the fall of 1975 she and several friends took a trip to New York City. Although she and her husband, who died in 1964, had collected many fine paintings, none would be so easily recognized or widely praised as the works by Renoir, Corot and Gainsborough that she and her friends perused during their visit to M. Knoedler & Company.

After some contemplation and correspondence with the gallery, Mrs. Daniel settled on a painting by the acclaimed English artist Thomas Gainsborough — his 1786 half-length portrait of Lady Mary Impey, the wife of an imperial judge in India. Mrs. Daniel proudly displayed the painting in the most prominent room in White Oaks, where it has remained.

When she died in 1992, she bequeathed White Oaks and all of its contents to Furman. The next year, the many fine pieces in the home were



appraised by Sotheby's, the fine art auction house.

When the appraisers examined *Portrait of Lady Impey*, however, they were perplexed. Although Mrs. Daniel had been told the painting was a Gainsborough, they were not convinced.

Many paintings have been falsely attributed to Thomas Gainsborough, and the high prices his works commanded between 1880 and 1930 brought many spurious paintings onto the market. The appraisers felt that this was one of those cases.

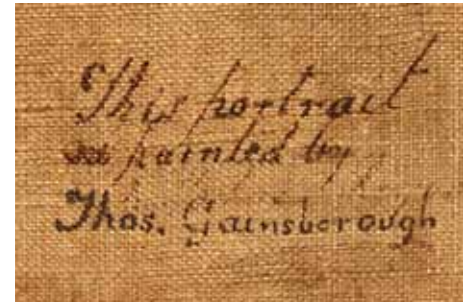
The staff at Sotheby's believed that the portrait was instead painted by Gainsborough's nephew, Gainsborough Dupont, who often copied or completed his uncle's works. As if to prove the seriousness of their assessment, they valued the portrait at less than one-sixth of the original 1975 purchase price. While the university accepted the Sotheby's evaluation, questions remained about the painting and its provenance.

IN 2010 THE CASE WAS REOPENED

when Andrew Impey, great-great-great-great grandson of Lady Impey, read an article online about White Oaks that mentioned the portrait. He contacted Furman from his home in the United Kingdom.

Over the next two years he and Elizabeth Coker Hamlett, Furman's collections manager, corresponded about the painting and its origin. Along the way they learned that there is at least one other painting that is purported to be the Gainsborough portrait of Lady Impey. In doing research on the second painting, however, Hamlett discovered that Furman's portrait matched exactly the dimensions of the original Gainsborough painting— lending credence to the idea that Furman owned the real thing.

Given this finding, Andrew Impey asked



a friend at the National Portrait Gallery in London to review photos of Furman's painting. The curator confirmed that the painting looked like a Gainsborough, but said the only way to know for certain was for the painting to be examined in person by a Gainsborough expert.

Last fall, Impey contacted the foremost expert on Thomas Gainsborough's life and works: Hugh Belsey, a senior research fellow at the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art in London who was curator at the Gainsborough's House museum in Sudbury for 23 years. Belsey has written extensively about Gainsborough and has probably examined more Gainsborough paintings than anyone. For the past eight years he has been compiling a complete catalog of the artist's portraits.

Belsey agreed to visit Furman in March to examine the portrait. His one request was that he present a public lecture, which was quickly arranged. Furman's Decorative and Fine Arts Committee, which oversees the university's almost 3,000-piece collection of art and antiques, sponsored Belsey's visit.

During two whirlwind days he examined *Portrait of Lady Impey* and delivered a lecture on the painting to a full house in Patrick Lecture Hall. At the end of his presentation, he revealed that Furman's painting is the true Gainsborough portrait — although it has undergone serious modifications through the years.

As an art historian who approaches the discipline as a connoisseur, Belsey poses the same questions for each painting: Did Gainsborough

paint it? If he did, when was it painted? Who is the sitter? And how has it changed? He concedes that you can try to answer each question from a good reproduction, but when you are asking the first and the final questions, ideally you need to see the painting itself.

In his lecture, Belsey explained that Lady Impey was the wife of the Chief Justice of Bengal, where the couple developed an appreciation for Indian culture, collecting Mughal miniatures and allowing their children to dress as natives. Mary Impey was particularly interested in the local flora and fauna and commissioned three native artists to make drawings of her family.

When the Impeys returned to London in 1783, they maintained their interest in art. Three years later, on April 20, 1786, the *Morning Herald* newspaper first mentioned a Gainsborough portrait of Lady Impey, reporting that "those who have seen it praise it as descriptive of her Ladyship's unaffected manners and natural character."

The portrait would pass through a number of hands. It was inherited by one of Lady Impey's daughters, who married Sir Robert Affleck, and eventually descended to the wife of her grandson (Maria Emily, or Lady Affleck). Lady Affleck offered it for sale at auction; it was bought by Marquess George Curzon, who, as a former Viceroy of India, no doubt knew that the subject of the portrait had shared his fascination with the subcontinent. Curzon's nephew sold the painting in 1930, after which it passed from dealer to dealer until M. Knoedler & Company sold it to Mrs. Daniel.

DURING HIS EXAMINATION BELSEY

found that the portrait had all the traits of a canvas that had been on the market for some time. The canvas was relined, a process that strengthens the painting's support by sticking a second canvas to the back of the original one. But in this case, the relining had not been carefully executed, and the weave of the canvas had been forced through the original paint layer.

The painting also sported a French-style frame. In the 1780s, Gainsborough's head-and-shoulder portraits were generally painted in an oval shape on a rectangular canvas and presented in a simple rectangular frame. An oval slip, a piece of decorative molding that fits inside a larger frame, covered the unpainted corners of the canvas. For whatever reason, the art market wanted a rectangular canvas in a rectangular frame, and so at some point it appears that someone painted in the corners of the portrait to fit the frame.

The portrait had been tinkered with in other ways as well, probably in some misguided effort to "improve" it. Lady Impey's hair had been altered and a hat added, perhaps to mimic the look of another Gainsborough work with a famous back story: his portrait of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, which dates to 1785.

In 1876 the portrait of Georgiana was purchased by a London art dealer for what at the time was a record for a painting at auction: \$51,540, according to *The New York Times*. Three weeks later it was stolen in a dramatic night raid. The thief, Adam Worth — on whom



Gainsborough expert Hugh Belsey spent an intense day examining the Lady Impey portrait. The label attached to the back of the painting and the inscription etched in the canvas added intrigue to the investigation, given the alterations to the painting over the years. Photos by Jeremy Fleming.

Arthur Conan Doyle based the character of Moriarty, Sherlock Holmes' adversary — was eventually tracked down and the painting returned to London. It was immediately sold to J. Pierpont Morgan and remained in his family until the Duke of Devonshire purchased it in 1994.

The excitement surrounding the painting of the duchess produced many column inches, and enterprising china manufacturers popularized it in busts, full-length models and transfer prints. The duchess' image was as popular as Gainsborough's *Blue Boy*, his most acclaimed work, and it inspired Edwardian women to wear a broad-brimmed hat decorated with an ostrich feather. It is likely that, to comply with contemporary fashion, such a hat was added to Lady Impey's portrait.

Belsey also noted "disturbances" in the surface of the paint layer in Lady Impey's dress that appear to show some changes in the costume. Originally she may have worn a gauze scarf over her chest, and the decoration around the neckline may have been a dog-tooth lace collar rather than a gauze flounce, which would be in tune with the style of her slashed sleeves. Indeed, the brushstrokes across the chest are clumsy and uncharacteristic of Gainsborough's style. Perhaps during cleaning a restorer discovered an earlier costume beneath that was too damaged to expose, and replaced the damaged area with the arrangement we see today.

SO NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT

the Furman portrait is indeed a Thomas Gainsborough, what of its future? Should it be restored so that it is closer to its original 18th-century appearance? Or should the changes in the portrait be considered part of its history?

One concern Belsey noted is that, considering its condition, any effort to restore the painting might actually cause more harm than good — even though its value, which Furman chooses not to disclose, has already been diminished by the modifications it has undergone through the years.

Perhaps the answer is best provided in the context of the portrait's display. *Portrait of Lady Impey* remains the centerpiece of the White Oaks drawing room and is a monument to Mrs. Daniel's taste. That deserves some respect, and so, in this case, arguably the painting should be left as it is.

As Martha Johns, wife of former Furman president John Johns and a resident of White Oaks from 1992 to 1994, said, "It's not perfect, but it's our Gainsborough." [F]

Visit the *Events and Exhibitions* link at <http://library.furman.edu/dfac> to see Belsey's lecture. Elizabeth Coker Hamlett is a 2002 Furman graduate.



Profile: Thomas Gainsborough

- ☞ Born in 1727 in Sudbury, Suffolk.
- ☞ Worked in Suffolk, Bath and London.
- ☞ Master of 18th-century portraiture and landscapes.
- ☞ Credited with more than 900 portraits of English sitters, including commissions from the royal family, and more than 200 landscapes.
- ☞ Founding member, Royal Academy of Arts.
- ☞ Inspired by the work of Van Dyck and Rubens.
- ☞ Influenced noted 19th-century artist John Constable, also a native of Suffolk.
- ☞ Best known painting: *Blue Boy* (c. 1770), an homage to Van Dyck.
- ☞ Died in 1788.

Kicking the Can



Down the Road

A Q&A with business professor Tom Smythe, who offers an overview of the state of the American economy — and our continuing failure to take any lasting action to deal with the problems.

What, in your view, has been the primary cause of the market volatility and the economic ups and downs of recent years?

While there is no one factor that has caused the market volatility of the last four years, there are several that have contributed to our problems. Beginning in 2008 here in the United States, the financial crisis, largely precipitated by the bursting of the housing bubble and the resulting mortgage mess, was and will continue to be a major contributor.

Since then, credit problems in Europe have been a major driver of volatility. This is a new phenomenon for the United States. Historically, crises in this country radiated out to impact others, but the United States was typically insulated (in relative terms) from problems abroad. With the integration of global financial markets, this is no longer true. We are experiencing the effects now as Europe's banks and sovereign countries struggle.

While both of these factors have been significant, a growing amount of market volatility has also arisen as a result of political stalemates in the United States.

Where does that put us, as of summer 2012?

We have been in a lull politically, but things are about to heat up with the presidential election. However, that's just the public face of the issues. More importantly, we still have not tackled our country's growing level of debt.

Recently Standard and Poors put the United States on its watch list for what could potentially be another ratings downgrade. Tied up in the debt debate are such issues as the future of Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid, as well as, more broadly, healthcare. These three items are a rapidly growing component of the country's budget deficit that cannot be sustained. And, as has happened in the past, no one is currently making much of an effort to address these issues.

Can you point to any specific events that illustrate our failure to deal head-on with major issues?

The best examples are the arguments and partisan bickering over whether or not to extend a bailout to the financial sector and, more recently but related, about the national budget and debt levels. Standard and Poors cited this ongoing "political brinkmanship" last year when it downgraded the country's credit rating. Among the smaller issues, which are likely to become bigger, is the debate about Social Security tax cuts and their extension.

Politics has always played a role in markets, and we are at a critical juncture in our country politically. Can we make any decisions at all? The impact has and will be played out in the markets. Unlike in the past, most of "us" are now part of the markets through 401(k) plans. As such the political impasses are affecting most of us economically in ways we have not experienced previously.

Along these lines, talk about how “gridlock,” or political entrenchment on both sides, has affected the U.S. economy. How might this fall’s election affect things?

Gridlock leads to uncertainty, especially during periods when no one is willing to compromise. The markets are looking for road maps as to how the economy will be structured. In other words, they want to know what the “rules” will be, what the plan is. While the markets will react positively or negatively to the implementation of these rules, what proves really disruptive is when no one knows what the rules are. While “bad” rules hurt the market, unknown rules lead to volatility.

This year’s presidential election has several rules, or playing field issues, attached to it: government spending, the overall approach to the economy, and the recent Supreme Court decision regarding healthcare, to name a few. Whoever wins the presidential election will obviously have an impact on the direction the economy will take. But that will not solve our problems *per se*, because, as we know, Congress also plays a significant role.

What about outside forces? For example, how are we affected, good and bad, by the globalization of financial markets?

Unlike in the past, outside forces are playing a much more significant role in the American economy, and that is a direct result of globalization. The globalization of financial markets is a double-edged sword. While capital can move quickly to support worthwhile investments anywhere in the world, it can flee just as quickly. With that said, as of now the United States is still viewed as the safest capital market in the world, although that distinction may be changing.

Ironically, the European debt crisis doesn’t seem to have had an impact on our country in the way it should — which is as a predictor of our own future. The crises in Europe — most notably in Greece and Spain, where interest rates on government debt are rising because investors do not believe national spending can be sustained — are a result of prolonged spending on social programs: healthcare, pensions, etc. The United States is in the same boat, unless we do something to change

course. And the uncertainty that comes with change is a major factor in causing unstable markets.

One of the fallacies is that any country, including the United States, can control economic trends. If we could, things would be very uninteresting and completely predictable, which some may consider preferable. We are seeing how actions taken in the past, such as the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates, aren’t working, or at least not in ways we might have expected. Ebbs and flows are inevitable. Unfortunately a great deal of how we try to “control” the economy, as in lowering interest rates to spur growth, quite often has unintended consequences, such as increases in inflation. This is not to say that a regulatory structure isn’t needed. But how we regulate does matter.

What are the consequences — financial and otherwise — of continuing to ignore the problems surrounding healthcare and Social Security?

An outcome like we are witnessing in Greece, where the country has been crippled by unrestrained spending and failure to implement financial reforms. The difference is that there won’t be anyone to bail us out. Our economy is too large.

It should be noted that our problem on the healthcare side is much bigger than Medicare; it is the healthcare system in general. Americans are paying an increasing proportion of their incomes for healthcare, whether they have insurance coverage or not. Currently, that portion of our spending is far outstripping wage growth, which means we have less to save and spend. Whether you support the Affordable Care Act or not, as a country we must come to grips with the rising costs of healthcare.

So is it all gloom and doom? Do you see any hopeful signs on the horizon?

The answer to this question often depends on the day you ask. Some people think that the outcome of the presidential election (either way) will lead to some resolution of the uncertainty, but I think that may be naïve. As a country, through our elected representatives, we have to decide that we are actually going to address these problems. Currently, that isn’t happening. We just spend our time arguing and stonewalling.

What do you tell your students about planning for the future?

I remind them that life's a marathon, not a sprint, and that they should develop a savings plan (retirement and otherwise) and stick to it through thick and thin. Don't look at CNBC or other "expert" sources for guidance. Out of 100 people, maybe one will hit it big, but most of us are "average." And the way for average people to get ahead is to learn to spend less than they make — period.

Now that we know what you tell your students, here's your chance to address the nation. If we concede that there are no magic bullets or quick fixes, what's your advice for the powers that be? How do we stop kicking the can down the road?

Get over yourselves. While principles are important, if they are extreme in either direction, our problems won't be addressed. There is more than one path to the solution — we just need solutions. Politicians won't get the message until we stop electing them. The problem is that while everyone thinks that Congress is doing a really bad job, they believe that their local representative is doing fine.

A big part of Congress' job is being able (and willing) to play in the sandbox. Right now, we have a lot of sand being thrown. If you are in Congress right now, you are part of the problem. Personally, I will not vote for any incumbent in 2012. I realize that has its own consequences, but to not vote is ignoring the problem. |F|



For more from Smythe on this topic, scan the QR code or go online to www.YouTube.com/thefurmanchannel and click on the High Noon at FYI Lecture Series link.



JEREMY FLEMING

TOM SMYTHE is admired by students for many reasons — not the least of which is his sense of humor, to which the photo above attests.

So, too, does this comment, made by a student a few years back, during the height of the recession: "I will never forget Dr. Smythe looking us in the eye and saying, 'If you don't invest at least 15 percent of your earnings every month toward your retirement, I will hunt you down and kill you!'"

Mind you, the business professor tells all his classes the same thing, and with the same twinkle in his eye. But his "threat" is a good way to get students to remember his point.

And it's one of the ways he shows that he cares about what happens to them. His ability to relate to students, and his genuine interest in their lives and careers, were among the reasons he received the university's Chiles-Harrill Award in 2009. The award, named for legendary administrators Marguerite Chiles and Ernest E. Harrill, is presented annually to the member of the faculty or staff chosen by the graduating class as having had the greatest influence on their years at Furman. The recipient becomes an honorary member of the class.

Smythe graduated from Furman in 1985, then spent four years in the Army and seven years as a systems and business analyst for Mobil Oil. He earned his doctorate from the University of South Carolina and began his teaching career at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga before joining the Furman faculty in 2001. He is frequently asked to comment on business and economic issues and has been quoted in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *USA Today*, *Money* magazine and the *Chicago Tribune*.

By Jim Stewart

Her Blood Runs

Erin Barker is the latest member of her athletic family to make her mark at Furman.

When it comes to Furman's distance-running royalty, the name "Barker" arguably wears the crown.

The family honor roll starts with Paul '74 (he now goes by Chris), followed by brothers Phil '78 and David '80. The Barker boys brought their athletic talent and Presbyterian work ethic (Dad was a minister) to then-Baptist Furman from Indiana, where track and cross country were popular and the quality of high school competition was strong. All of their names can be found in the university's record book.

Fast forward a few years to the next generation of Barkers, represented by Phil's daughters, Lindsey '09 and Erin '12. Erin's breakthrough year in 2011-12, combined with her lineage, provided the inspiration for this article.

But first we should mention one other contributor to the athletic gene pool. Ma Barker — Sue Houck '79 — was a four-year member of the women's tennis team.

To be fair, in their younger days the Barker sisters did give Mom's game a try. "But we

also had academics to worry about," says Erin, "so we made a choice, and Dad's sport won."

Lindsey paved the way, racing to all-county and all-region honors at Easley (S.C.) High. Erin built on that legacy and was named all-region and all-state in cross country and track before following her sister to Furman.

Erin also benefited directly from Dad's guidance her senior year when Phil, who at the time was between jobs, volunteered to help coach the Easley squad. The team finished second in the state.

"It was actually a great thing for me personally, because I'd been working a huge number of hours before," says Phil. "This gave me a chance to spend quality time with her. I just had to be careful to separate the Dad role from the coach role.

"Erin's pretty self-motivated. The biggest thing I did was to help her keep the attitude up and build her confidence."

On occasion he'd even join her during workouts, which Erin doesn't recall so fondly: "He would beat me all the time," she says. "It made me so mad for an old man to do that."

Purple





The Barkers at Commencement 2012: Erin is front and center, flanked by Phil and Sue and backed by Brad and Lindsey. Photos by Jeremy Fleming.

Phil and Erin both graduated from Furman with several school records. But while they finished in similar places, they took different routes to get there.

Phil, who still looks as if he could knock out a quick 800 meters without breaking a sweat, was a mainstay of the strong track and cross country programs of the mid-seventies. Erin says she's been told he was "the hardest worker on the team" — so much so that his teammates joked he would "kill his kids" if they chose to pursue a sport.

He was on the last Furman men's teams to win Southern Conference titles in cross country and indoor track (both in 1976). He holds several school records in individual events and relays, and the league record he established in the outdoor 800-meter run still stands, 35 years later. He was elected to the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987.

Erin had a somewhat rougher ride. During her first cross country season she suffered a stress injury, and her initial efforts at rehab only worsened the problem. The result: She missed a year and a half of competition and received a medical redshirt.

When she returned for cross country her junior year (sophomore eligibility-wise), she was hesitant to go full-out. As she gained fitness and confidence, though, she improved steadily, finishing with her best time at the conference meet. She continued to improve through the indoor and outdoor track seasons.

Says Laura Caldwell, an assistant coach at Furman the last two years who worked with the distance runners, "Erin just needed to get to the point where she could train day in and day out, without any injury breaks. She always had the discipline and the desire. What she needed was consistency."

After a solid summer of training Erin took off in the fall of 2011, cutting her five-kilometer time by two minutes, finishing fourth in the conference cross country meet and leading the team to a second-place result, and making the all-NCAA Southeast Region team after finishing 21st in that meet. Her momentum carried over, as she went on to set school records in the indoor mile and 3,000 meters and the outdoor 1,500 meters. The one disappointment came in the conference outdoor meet, where a combination of asthma and a sinus infection forced her to pull out of the 1,500 meters.

Still, she was back on track. Caldwell says, "I can't stress enough how gifted an athlete she is — disciplined and dedicated, and one of the hardest workers we had."

Hmmm — who does that sound like?

When Erin received her degree in health sciences May 5, she was already planning to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy — and to use her final year of athletic eligibility.

One problem: Furman didn't offer the prerequisites she needed for graduate school. So she looked around for programs that did, and that would want her to run. She found one right down the road, at Clemson University.

"I'd love to stay [at Furman]," says Erin, "but I need to get those requirements for physical therapy school, and Clemson has a program with courses geared exactly in that direction. And there are the competitive reasons. A girl at Clemson that I ran against in high school just went to the Olympic Trials. That says something."

Given the close-knit nature of last year's team, which Erin clearly treasured, her Furman buddies will likely understand her decision. And as for the probability that at some point she'll compete against her former teammates, she doesn't seem too concerned.

"It should be fun," she says. "And it will be funny to see who my Dad cheers for."

But where does this leave Furman, which has gotten used to Barkers running around campus over the last seven years? About where it was in 1980, when David's graduation ended the 10-year reign of Barker boys.

Fear not. On the horizon, jogging into view, is Brad Barker, a high school junior.

Granted, there are no guarantees yet. "We didn't push Furman on Lindsey or Erin," says Phil, "so we'll have to see how that goes."

Just remember what color courses through your veins, Brad. If!



Take the Short Way Home

After an odyssey of self-discovery along the Appalachian Trail, an alumnus decides to re-enter the civilized world by hitchhiking home. Here's his tale of the return trip.

By Jerry Adams

It had rained every day for a week when I reached the west bank of Maine's Piscataquis River, and the guidebook warned that this knee-high fording could be dangerous after heavy rain.

At another crossing earlier that morning, I had foolishly chosen to wear sandals and keep my boots dry. Unable to see my feet through the dark, swirling waters, I slipped on the rocky bottom and nearly went under, but while my backside got wet, my backpack stayed dry.

Lesson learned, I kept the boots on this time, but struggled to find stable footing and force my way across the current as the icy waters fought hard to push me downstream. Still, I grinned and whooped and savored one more moment in a half-year odyssey that was coming to an end.

I had left Georgia in the spring of 2011 to hike the Appalachian Trail — through North Carolina and Tennessee as the trees and flowers came alive, and then through Virginia and the mid-Atlantic states in the heat of the summer. Jumping ahead of Hurricane Irene into New England, I hiked above the tree line and through ice and snow in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Mount Katahdin and the lake country of Maine were reaching their autumn finest in late September when I arrived at Baxter Peak and the northern terminus of the trail. Red, silver and gold leaves shimmered across the 100 Mile Wilderness and covered the footpath like falling snow.

It had been nearly seven months since I had taken the midnight bus from Columbia, S.C., to Atlanta to start

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the long walk to Maine. Once I hit the trail, I was the thru-hiker known as “Grasshopper.”

I went walking because the stars and circumstance had aligned to give me the time, freedom and motivation to take on the challenge, and I felt compelled to follow this path to discovery and survival.

My recent wanderings had been spiritual, professional and personal, but my challenges were no different than those others face. I had weathered layoffs and a broken heart while fighting hard to restart my career in my late 50s, putting my life’s work on the line in search of a paycheck, a challenge, approval and validation.

Rejection and disappointment fueled frustration and anger — and doubt. I had something to prove.

During my trek, I restored my faith in the Lord and in myself and laid down many burdens thanks to the fellowship of other hikers, support from friends at home, and the generosity of countless strangers along the way.

The end was bittersweet; the hike took its toll. Proud and humbled, I was awed by the accomplishment and filled with melancholy. All those months in the woods brought isolation, exhaustion, doubt and pain, and yet I felt better physically, mentally and spiritually than at any time of my life.

While the first part of my journey was over, more escapades lay ahead on my re-entry to the civilized world — a hitchhike from Maine to South Carolina. I had promised “Strider,” my companion on the trail, that I would hitchhike with him to his home in Virginia.

Neither of us was ready for a long bus ride home. We both wanted more adventure, and we liked the challenge of catching rides all the way south. We had seen the dazed looks of hikers who finished the long walk but then faced a quick and startling re-entry. We knew we weren’t quite ready for the couch, the Internet and cable television.

We needed a little time to decompress, and hitchhiking seemed the best option — another adventure, trusting ourselves and the generosity of strangers. Our strong faith had bound us together as friends and brothers on the long walk north from Georgia. We knew that the Lord would provide and help us on the journey home.

The life lesson that sustained me on the trail also helped at the interstate on-ramps: “Patience, Grasshopper. And trust in the Lord, thy God.”

It would take us nearly a week to cover the 900 miles to Strider’s house; it would take me another two days to complete the remaining 400 miles home, to South Carolina.

Given our 40-year age difference, most assumed Strider and I were father and son, although someone

in Massachusetts asked if we were brothers. Nope, we were hiking buddies who had shared the trail, and plenty of adventure, since meeting in North Carolina many, many miles before.

We had followed a black bear as it rumbled across a Virginia ridge and hiked the sidewalks of Manhattan after taking a train to the city for a day away from the trail. We trudged through ice and snow in New Hampshire. We climbed Mount Katahdin together — and shared champagne at the summit.

Now we were headed home. We started our trip on Highway 201 at Caratunk, near the Kennebec River.

A young lady in an SUV went 15 miles out of her way to take us to Bingham. After a short wait, an older woman in a sedan happily carried us 23 miles to Skowhegan and within striking distance of I-95.

On the trail, all we needed was a flat spot big enough for our tents, but this world had other rules — and we knew the authorities might quibble with our choice of campsites. Given the limited options, we slipped into the tall weeds behind a strip mall, pitching our tents out of sight of security guards who might be making late-night rounds.

After breakfast at Burger King we walked into town looking for thrift shops and bargain clothes more appropriate for the highway than our hiking gear. Ten dollars bought almost-new corduroy jeans, a shirt and a belt — all fit for a man 30 pounds smaller than the one who had left South Carolina in the spring.

We waited barely a minute in town before getting a ride to I-95 and one exit south to a truck stop. We dined at Subway and talked strategy to get us to Strider’s home in Virginia Beach and me home to Columbia.

We found cardboard to make signs — “95 South” — and talked to a trucker who told us that insurance forbids riders. But we already knew there was little chance for two of us, with packs, to get a ride in a big rig. While pedestrians are forbidden on the interstate, hitching is OK at on-ramps and access roads. So we put out our thumbs and waited, hoping our smiles and backpacks signaled that we would be interesting companions, not evildoers.

The Subway manager ferried us down two exits, where we remained for nearly an hour before a young woman, a yoga instructor, took us south to Portland. A cold drizzle — and reality — set in as we stared at the city’s skyline and wondered where we might “stealth camp” to get out of the rain.

We found refuge at the Miss Portland Diner, a converted railroad car, and the local newspaper answered our silent prayers. Occupy Maine was camped in Lincoln Park. Our home for the night was six blocks away. Sweet!!

The protester who welcomed us said ours were the 25th



and 26th tents in the park. We never mentioned that we were thru-hikers hitching south, and we happily stayed for a lazy day off in Portland.

The next day, a retired used-book seller in a station wagon saved us from the morning rain and took us 50 miles into New Hampshire. As we looked for shelter from an approaching storm, a man in a Honda offered to drive us south. He was a hiker and jobless and had time to be a trail angel. Accustomed to hiking 10 miles a day in Maine, we quickly covered 200 miles and made it into Connecticut, our memories stoked by a driver who knew where we had come from and what it had been like.

Still attuned to a world where 8 p.m. is “hiker midnight” and where hiking starts and ends early, we spent the evening in the Pilot truck stop restaurant and gift shop, met the uncle of a thru-hiker we knew, and camped in a spillover truck lot behind the depot.

Ten minutes at the on-ramp the next morning brought us a screaming, elderly man who hollered, “Come on! Come on!” as we struggled to force our packs into the back of his late model Cadillac. Mostly deaf, and shouting to hear himself, the 85-year-old man drove 80 and angry, weaving through traffic one-handed during a scary two-hour ride into New York.

He hollered the whole way. He wasn’t a bit curious about the two of us, but described how he’d been long retired from the Navy and was headed to a college football game in Pennsylvania before going to his house on Hilton Head Island.

“We bought the place, and THEN SHE DIED,” he screamed.

“THAT’S AWFUL,” I screamed back

He dropped us off outside the town of Rye, dumping us into the buzz of traffic at a busy freeway off-ramp. We were in the New York City suburbs — no longer thru-hikers

The author and Strider, his young sidekick, celebrated the end of their hike before heading out for the long ride home.



and wilderness adventurers, just two guys with packs beside the road, barely visible to the families out running errands on a sunny Saturday morning.

But the Lord takes care of thru-hikers — and hitchhikers. Jann and Nicole spotted us and circled back to take us the next 200 miles, into Maryland.

Jann is a Czech national and cultural attaché at the embassy in New York. His wife is an American jewelry designer and silversmith. She invited us to join them at their cabin on the Susquehanna River, but we decided to keep moving south and bade them farewell at a rest area. She gave us her cell number in case of an emergency, and off they went.

Almost immediately a Maryland state trooper roused us for hitching and ran our IDs through his computer to check for outstanding warrants. We were clean, but he made us sign a trespass notice and said, “If anybody complains about you, I’ll have to take you to jail.”

Nicole was happy to come back and rescue us, and their rustic cabin in the woods offered us our first beds in weeks. Valerie and Linda, neighbors from down river, joined us for pizza and a raucous Saturday evening beside a roaring campfire.

The next morning we waited barely 15 minutes before three Latino men in a jeep offered us a lift. We shoved our packs into the back, and I squeezed into the back seat and rode the hump between two guys who smiled a lot but didn’t speak English. Strider rode in front and shared stories of faith with the driver, who spoke some English. They were planning to go just to Washington but happily volunteered to transport us on to Richmond, where Strider’s stepdad, Bill, waited to take us to Virginia Beach for the end of Strider’s trip.

After six months of mountain hiking, being at sea level was almost surreal, and I spent the weekend adjusting to civilization. After all those months of living on the ground, I loved having a comfortable chair and a soft bed, and I relished access to hot showers and cold running water.

Since I was losing my traveling companion, I considered taking a Greyhound home to South Carolina. But the notion of 25 hours on a bus was not appealing, so Bill and Strider hauled me back to 95 for the final leg of my journey.

“I love you, Grasshopper. God bless you,” Strider said. We shared a quick hug and an emotional goodbye before they drove away, leaving me alone — really alone — for the first time since the spring.

When I started my trek by myself in April, I knew I would make friends along the way. The trail is the great equalizer that brings old and young together, and the shared pain, sacrifice and joy build trail families and close friendships among those headed north, chasing the same distant goal.

Strider and I remain close and are making plans to one day hike Vermont and finish the section of the hike that Hurricane Irene had forced us to delay.

But now I was near an I-95 on-ramp, thumb out, headed home.

It wasn't long before an old man with a dog gave me a ride to Fayetteville, N.C., and then a young mechanic carried me to Lumberton. The sun was dropping at a busy cloverleaf, and I sought my bearings over a Waffle House omelet. With no good options, I pitched my tent under a tree between the interstate and the on-ramp and slept like a baby, a good day's hitching from home.

Fortified by two large cups of gas station coffee and a pair of frosted blueberry Pop Tarts, I had my thumb out early in the morning. A young man soon answered my silent plea. We didn't talk much, but he said he had nowhere to be and could take me into South Carolina. He didn't ask why I was on the road, and the Appalachian Trail was so far out of context that I felt no need to share my tale.

The coffee caught up with me and I began to fidget as we crossed the state line and passed South of the Border. With no exit in sight, I finally begged him to pull over. Having lived six months in the woods, I was no stranger to outdoor relief.

"Hurry, hurry," he said, waving urgently as I turned back to the car. I saw the patrol cars in the median a few hundred yards away, but didn't think much about them until the blue lights came on behind us at the next exit.

Welcome to South Carolina.

The Florence County sheriff's deputy approached my window and said he had seen me beside the road a few miles back. He requested my ID and asked the driver for his license. The driver said he didn't have one.

In the end, the deputy gave him a \$150 ticket. I was let go with a written warning (and terrific souvenir) for public urination and the admonition, "Don't do that again."

I felt terrible that I had caused problems for someone who had helped me. The deputy said I should drive, so I took the wheel for the first time in months and turned back north to get the young man headed home. Feeling guilty, but not so much as to offer to pay his ticket, I gave him \$20 and an apology and walked to the nearest on-ramp in search of my next ride. A man heading to Florida with a backseat filled with fruits and vegetables took me to I-26 and then one exit toward Charleston.

My scraggly beard and backpack had been badges of honor along the Appalachian Trail. But the honor had slowly faded on the long hitch home, and especially once I hit South Carolina.

Suddenly I was seen as just another homeless guy in need. Samaritans pressed dollar bills on me, gave me food, and spoke v-e-r-y s-l-o-w-l-y, using the simplest of words.

"We are leaving you at McDonald's. You can get something to eat. They will let you use the bathroom," the woman patiently explained while her friend eyed me with suspicion. "That road over there will take you to the interstate."

I thanked them for the ride. And laughed.

Two men in a pickup stopped and asked if I needed money for lunch. Another gave me \$2 and a lift to Summer-ville in the back of his truck. Two young guys pulled over later and handed me a carryout chicken dinner.

Eventually I was reunited with a fellow traveler I had met on the trail in Virginia, and tai chi with old friends at a dojo in Mount Pleasant helped ground me and ease my re-entry. Still drawn to the woods and not yet willing to let my adventure go, I went to Mepkin Abbey, a Trappist monastery in nearby Moncks Corner, to pray with my monastic friends before finding the Palmetto Trail, potentially a hundred-mile walk to Columbia, my final destination.

But the lakes and South Carolina flatlands were tame after the wilds of Maine. By this time the highway was more appealing than the woods — and home was more appealing than the road.

After walking 3,000 miles in six months to Maine, and then a 10-day return trip, the journey was over for the thru-hiker turned hitchhiker turned hobo. It was time to stow away the pack and lay that burden down, trusting in myself, with faith to guide me as my journey continues.

I would do it all again. And I wouldn't change a thing.

My heart was glad, and I was ready for what was to come next, nourished by a recurring lesson, my mantra from the trail — "Patience, Grasshopper. And trust in the Lord, thy God." [F]

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BEYOND

Mathematics students
and faculty step into the
world of sports analytics.

By Vince Moore



MONEYBALL



In 2010 Doug Fister had a mediocre earned run average (4.11) and woeful record (6-14) as a starting pitcher for the Seattle Mariners.

Even though his ERA (3.33) improved in 2011, he continued to struggle with a 3-12 record. But when Fister was traded to the Detroit

Tigers midway through the season, a dramatic improvement occurred. He finished 8-1 with an ERA of 1.79 for the Tigers.

Who could have foreseen such a transformation? No doubt the Tigers saw Fister's potential. But so did Jordan Lyerly '12, a mathematics major at Furman whose computer data showed Fister to be a much better pitcher than his statistics suggested.

In the summer of 2011, Lyerly, along with Furman math professors John Harris and Kevin Hutson and fellow majors Will Decker '14, Aaron Markham '13 and Rob Picardi '13, had used an exhaustive array of sabermetrics to rank 141 starting major league pitchers during the 2010 season. Despite his unimpressive statistics with the Mariners, the Furman system had Fister ranked 40th among all pitchers.

In producing their rankings, the Furman group drilled down to a level well beyond ERAs and won-loss records and treated each at-bat between pitcher and hitter as a game within a game. Was Fister, for instance, facing a hitter with a .220 batting average or a future Hall of Famer? How did he perform when he faced the top hitters?

"Our system ranked Fister so highly because it was seeing something others couldn't — the strength of his opponents," says Lyerly (pictured). "His greatness was masked by a small-market team that couldn't score runs and by a schedule that had him facing tough hitters day in and day out."

The Furman group also ranked major league hitters during the 2010 season and found another outlier in Mike Napoli of the Los Angeles Angels. He hit .238 with an on-base percentage of .316 that season, but the Furman system ranked him 62nd among 444 batters. In 2011, after being traded to the Texas Rangers, Napoli batted .320 and raised his on-base percentage to .414, making him one of only seven players in the major leagues with at least 350 at-bats to reach base more than 40 percent of the time.

The secret to predicting such an improvement lies in analyzing the individual at-bats. Of the eight pitchers Napoli faced most often when he was with the Angels, four were Cy Young Award nominees.

So how did a group of mathematicians at Furman come to spend their summers ranking baseball players, and what exactly does their work have to do with the academic enterprise?

It began in 2011 when Lyerly, whose passions are mathematics and baseball, asked Harris and Hutson if he could spend the summer pursuing his own version of *Moneyball*, the popular book and film about how the Oakland A's used obscure statistics to identify undervalued players who could help them compete with big-spending clubs like the Yankees and Red Sox.

"We had no idea how we were going to set up such a project, but it sounded interesting and there would certainly be a lot of math involved," Harris says. "So we committed to doing it."

The professors and students traveled to the 2011 MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference in Boston, the mecca of such gatherings, where they attended sessions moderated by best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell and ESPN senior writer Peter Keating. Harris and Hutson offered their mathematical assistance to Keating for any sports analytics articles he might be writing, which led to a project where the Furman team helped develop an alternative ranking system to the BCS college football computer ratings. The resulting article was published on ESPN.com in January.

The team also presented its baseball research at a meeting of the Mathematical Association of America. The results were interesting enough that Tim Chartier, a math professor at Davidson College, wrote an article about the project for the Huffington Post.

The research may be fun and mathematically rewarding, but it has usefulness beyond sports. The students are gaining experience in the growing field of data mining, which Chartier calls the "science of extracting useful information from large sets of data." It is the same science that allows Google to provide the most relevant links in response to search requests.

"Even though our students are focusing on sports, they are learning concepts and techniques that are useful

in a variety of industries," Hutson says. "In the baseball research, we use a pitcher-batter interaction network that allows pitchers to endorse batters that get a hit off them and allows batters to endorse pitchers that get them out. The batters that are highly endorsed by highly endorsed pitchers bubble up to the top of our rankings."

Lyerly has graduated and moved to Florida, where he is teaching middle school science and math, but the research continues to grow and expand. Seven math majors comprising two separate teams worked on projects this summer. One group looked at how college football teams are ranked in the BCS, and the other attempted to predict the success of college players selected in the National Football League draft.

The NFL project came about when the Furman team met Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett at the 2012 MIT Sloan Conference. He told them he was there to discover anything that might help the Cowboys make more informed choices in the draft. In addition to rating this year's NFL draftees, the Furman team is also taking a historic look at the draft to see how players have performed in comparison to their draft status.

"We decided to study quarterbacks, running backs and receivers," Hutson says. "It's a challenge to identify that game within a game that can help us rank them, but all the information we need is there, from the college football statistics to the NFL Combine data."

Harris and Hutson never intended to use mathematics to determine whether a college quarterback is suited for success in the NFL, but they have become big fans of sports analytics. So have their students.

"A couple of our student researchers this summer were not sports fans, and they wondered if they would enjoy doing this," Harris says. "But they loved it, and now they're fans like the rest of us. It's been exciting and fun, and it's something people care about." [F]

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Furman BECAUSE FURMAN MATTERS



Young donors give soccer fieldhouse project \$450,000 boost

GRAHAM SEAGRAVES '00 was a member of Furman soccer coach Doug Allison's first recruiting class in the fall of 1996. Allison remembers Seagraves as "the total package — intelligent, motivated, a hard worker and a natural born leader."

Seagraves, in turn, says he was looking for a school that could challenge him academically and athletically and provide him a well-rounded college experience. He found it at Furman, and received a scholarship that made his education possible. In addition to majoring in business and captaining the soccer team, he was president of TKE fraternity and was elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

He enjoyed similar success on the playing field. Furman won the Southern Conference title each year he played, and in his senior season the Paladins advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament, defeating the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest before losing in overtime to Connecticut.

Today Graham Seagraves is a regional director with Russell Investment Group in Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife, Jarrell Starnes Seagraves '00 (most valuable player on the 1999 women's tennis team), are expecting their third child any day. And together, they have chosen to give back

to the athletics program that supported their educations by pledging \$450,000 to the \$1.5 million soccer fieldhouse project.

At 34, they are among the youngest alumni to make a lead gift to a capital project at Furman. Graham says, "I've been very fortunate early in my career and can't think of a better way to give back than to help a program that meant so much to my development as a person. Jarrell and I want to challenge others to think big to help Furman soccer grow and achieve at the very highest level. We see our gift as a return on Furman's investment in us, and as a chance to support the school that helped shape us."

When completed, the 5,300-square-foot fieldhouse will include, among other features, locker rooms, an officials' room, a concession stand and a second-story viewing deck. To date Furman has raised approximately \$1 million for the project.

To recognize the Seagraves' generosity, the pitch at Eugene E. Stone III Soccer Stadium will be dedicated in their honor this fall.

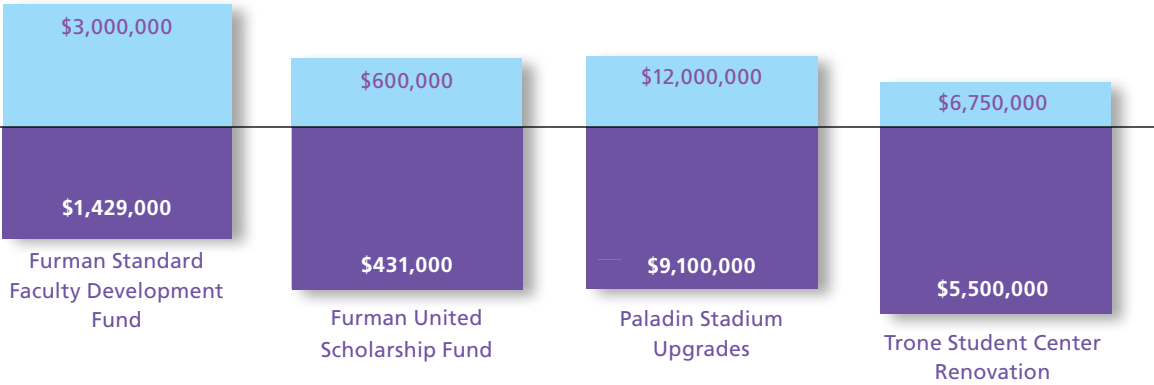
— CLINT HILL

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Furman United challenge enhances scholarship fund

THE FURMAN UNITED PROGRAM, which provides financial support to students facing unexpected financial hardship, has completed its third year. Since the program's inception, more than 200 Furman students have received direct support from the fund. For many it has made the difference in their ability to remain at Furman.

Furman United was established by the university's board of trustees with the help of a generous lead gift from trustee Peace Sterling Sullivan of Miami Beach, Fla. As the program enters its fourth year, its reach continues to expand.

Earlier this year the Daniel Mickel Foundation of Greenville announced a challenge: If an alum who had never made a gift to Furman would make a \$25 donation to Furman United, the foundation would provide a matching gift of \$125. Additionally, if any alum made a gift to the program at the leadership level of \$1,000 or more, the foundation would match that gift dollar-for-dollar.

The response to the challenge has been so positive that Furman United, which began as a two-year effort focused solely on scholarship assistance, is now able to support students in such areas as study away, internships and undergraduate research.

The Daniel Mickel Foundation's history of support for Furman also includes grants to the Center for Vocational Reflection (Lilly Center) and the Heller Service Corps.

To learn more, visit www.myfurmangift.com.



The evolution from 'graduates' to 'alumni'

A YOUNG FURMAN GRADUATE approaches the empty wall behind her new work station and eagerly taps the nail into place, then hangs a hard-earned diploma for all to see as a testament to a job well done. Her pride in graduating from one of the finest liberal arts institutions in the country is evident.

Is this where the story ends? For some, yes. Their fond memories fade, and connections are lost.

But for others, their new lives outside the Furman bubble mark the beginning of a journey to becoming something more than graduates: alumni. As alumni, they take on a mantle of pride and support best described by the following actions:

- They share their experiences at Furman with other young people who are interested in a liberal arts education. They encourage them to apply, discuss opportunities for scholarship assistance, join the Furman Alumni Network to help interview prospective students as a part of the admission process, and are willing to serve as mentors to students.
- They attend Furman-sponsored events and return to campus for a visit when possible. They keep in touch with Furman friends and maintain the ties formed through shared experiences.
- They cheer for the Paladins on the field of competition and believe that purple always makes a great fashion statement.
- They understand that Furman is bigger than any one idea, policy or personality, and they support the university's liberal arts tradition.
- They make an annual gift to Furman. They understand that participation in annual giving is important, and that current Furman students benefit from their support as much as they enjoyed the benefits alumni gifts afforded them as students.

It doesn't take much to become an alum. Consider picking up the mantle of "alumni" and wearing it with energy, pride, and the full knowledge that you are part of a place that thrives on — and deserves — active alumni participation and engagement.

— PHIL HOWARD

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Commentary: Quotes and observations from Furman programs and personalities

“We believe this program will provide enriching educational experiences for our student fellows while also developing energy efficiency and environmental stewardship programs that can help build truly sustainable communities.”

— GEORGE BALDWIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF
PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS FOUNDATION’S
PARTNERS PROGRAM, ON A \$75,000 GRANT
TO SUPPORT FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDENTS
AT FURMAN, DUKE AND VANDERBILT IN
SUSTAINABILITY, RESEARCH AND SERVICE.

“This provides an opportunity for students to hear firsthand what companies are doing in their science work and product development. It ties into educating students on what chemistry and science have done in the real world with the business dimension added to it.”

— LON KNIGHT, CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT CHAIR,
ON THE CHEMISTRY CORPORATE LUNCHEON, WHICH
BRINGS TOGETHER STUDENTS, FACULTY AND
COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES FOR NETWORKING.

“Kids need help. Kids need resources. Sometimes that help just may be someone showing that they care, somebody giving some insight, somebody giving some leadership, somebody to relate to, somebody you want to emulate. That’s a passion of mine, because I understand if a kid is labeled or has issues and he doesn’t get help, it could cost him his life.”

— SHAMMOND WILLIAMS, MEN’S ASSISTANT
BASKETBALL COACH, IN A *GREENVILLE NEWS*
ARTICLE. WILLIAMS, A GREENVILLE NATIVE AND
FORMER PRO PLAYER, RUNS THE WILLIAMS CENTER
FOR ACHIEVEMENT FOR AREA YOUTH.



“We hope the professors continue to challenge students with thoughts they don’t like, deadlines that loom too soon, and grades they’re convinced are too tough. We hope students will always appreciate the work of our custodians, dining hall workers, other support staff, and landscape and maintenance crews. . . . We hope they take advantage of study abroad opportunities, service projects, and cultural life programs to learn the world is bigger than Furman and bigger than each of us. And we hope they always relish the privilege of unapologetically yelling, ‘FU all the time’.”

— KATIE LOVE ’12, IN HER ADDRESS
AT THE SPRING COMMENCEMENT.

“The passage of Title IX was not sufficient to ensure gender equity. Attitudes had to change, as well. Some were forced to embrace the principles of fairness by the courts; others did so as they observed their daughters being denied opportunities to participate. The broad array of educational and athletic opportunities available [today] for females is a testament to the many advocates who persisted in the pursuit of equal opportunities for girls and women.”

— BILL PIERCE, CHAIR OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND
NCAA FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE,
IN A *GREENVILLE NEWS* EDITORIAL.

“When you play at Furman, which is a top 20 Division I program, you’re going to learn what it is to have pressure and to deal with pressure and overcome it. You’re going to learn what it is to put in hard work and do extra things to make your team better.”

— ANTHONY ESQUIVEL ’03, WHO PLAYED SOCCER
AS AN UNDERGRADUATE AND IS NOW AN ASSISTANT
COACH AT FURMAN, IN A *GREENVILLE NEWS* ARTICLE.

“When students are selected for Bridges to a Brighter Future, they join a program of committed participants who unconditionally accept, support, encourage, trust, and love each other.”

— TOBI SWARTZ, DIRECTOR OF FURMAN’S BRIDGES
PROGRAM, WHICH SUPPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS WHOSE POTENTIAL OUTDISTANCES THEIR
CIRCUMSTANCES. BRIDGES WAS RECENTLY FEATURED
IN A NATIONAL STUDY, “A BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS:
CASE STUDIES OF SUCCESSFUL PRE-COLLEGE
OUTREACH PROGRAMS.” VISIT
WWW.BRIDGESTOABRIGHTERFUTURE.ORG.



Anthropology major, film studies minor added

STUDENTS ARRIVED ON CAMPUS this fall to find new additions to the Furman curriculum: a major in anthropology and an interdisciplinary minor in film studies.

Anthropology is the comparative study of humankind in all times and places. The Furman major will require eight courses from a list of 24 covering the discipline's subfields: cultural, linguistic, archaeological and physical anthropology.

Furman's focus will be on cultural anthropology.

According to Brian Siegel, professor of anthropology, more than 90 percent of liberal arts institutions offer a major in the subject.

The courses will be taught by professors in the departments of religion, Asian studies, and modern languages and literatures. Three core courses will be required: cultural anthropology, world prehistory, and anthropological methods and theory. Students may choose from additional courses that touch on such areas as cultures of the non-Western world, classical archaeology, linguistic analysis and cultural ecology.

With the addition of the interdisciplinary minor (formerly called concentrations) in film studies, Furman joins the majority of colleges in the Associated Colleges of the South, a consortium of 16 liberal arts institutions in 12 states, that offer this field of study. To fulfill the requirements for the minor, students must complete "Introduction to Reading Film" and choose three to five additional courses which must come from no fewer than three departments. The courses touch on such areas as Chinese film, media criticism, and Shakespeare.

Global Visitors Center joins national network

THE GLOBAL VISITORS CENTER at Furman has been named a member of the National Council of International Visitors (NCIV), a network of universities, organizations and individuals that supports citizen diplomacy.

The center, headed by program manager Bianca Walker, was established last October and joins more than 90 CIVs in 45 states. It is a joint program of Furman's Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics, and Public Leadership and the Office for Study Away and International Education.

NCIV members design and implement professional programs, provide cultural activities, and offer hospitality to foreign leaders, specialists and scholars participating in the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and other exchanges. Launched in 1940, the IVLP, according to its website, is the department's premier professional exchange initiative "that seeks to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations through carefully designed short-term visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders."

Serving as a Council for International Visitors, the Furman Global Visitors Center matches Upstate resources with the needs of international guests. The center coordinates appointments for visitors with their industry counterparts, sets up meetings with students and faculty from Furman and other Upstate schools, and arranges opportunities for visitors to experience Southern culture and social life. In turn, Upstate community and business leaders learn about best practices and cultures of other nations.

The new crop of scholars

SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY eager students reported to campus August 16 to launch their Furman careers.

This year's new class was selected from a record pool of 6,203 applicants — an increase of 24 percent over 2011. The jump was spurred by the Admission staff's efforts to develop new target areas while maintaining a strong foothold in existing markets. The staff also made 195 more high school visits than in 2011, thus increasing Furman's overall visibility and cultivating stronger relationships with high school counselors across the country.

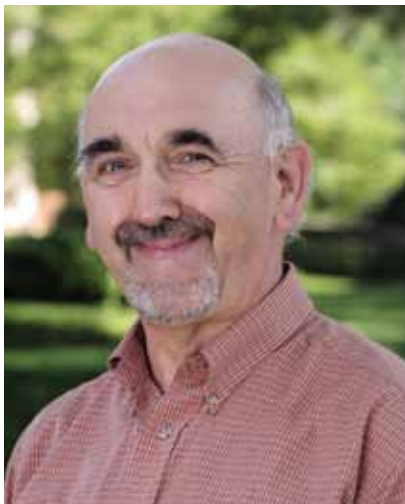
Another recruiting strategy was tied to the recent arrival of Southwest Airlines to the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. Admission's efforts brought significant increases in applications from the major cities — Chicago, Nashville, Houston, Baltimore and Orlando — that have direct Southwest connections to and from Greenville. In all, applications from the Southwest markets (which also include Richmond, Va.) increased 30 percent.

Class of 2016 by the numbers

3.906
Average
high school
GPA

17	Countries represented
21	Percentage of multicultural students (up 5 percent over 2011)
27	Percentage of in-state students
43/57	Male-female percentage (same as 2011)
46	International /exchange students (up from 27 in 2011)

Faculty retirees: Former students offer insights, tributes



STANLEY CROWE

was the first professor I met at Furman. I still laugh when I remember him explaining to our group of prospective students and parents that the upcoming renovation of Furman Hall — which, he said, was promised to be a seamless process — was in fact going to be a disaster. His candid opinion was funny at the time, but I would learn over the next few years that it was delivered in true Dr. Crowe fashion.

As my academic advisor and English professor at Furman, Dr. Crowe, a native of Scotland who joined the faculty in 1974, offered honest advice on everything from the quality of a paper to career choices. I have always valued his insight and his willingness to share it.

He is also a fantastic teacher, with specialties in Irish and Romantic literature. He is passionate about helping students understand the literature they read — and showing them how to write skillfully and insightfully about it.

That brings me to another great thing about Dr. Crowe: He has an intense interest in his students and colleagues. It was common to wait in line to speak with him in his office. But no matter how many duties he had to balance — grading papers, advising students, serving as department chair, planning study-abroad trips — he was readily available for a meeting and never gave you the feeling that he was rushing you out the door. I have kept up with Dr. Crowe since graduating from Furman, and he is always willing and available to answer e-mails or talk over a cup of coffee when I'm visiting campus.

I'm sure that, given his lengthy career at Furman, there are many students and colleagues who are grateful for Stan Crowe's teaching, leadership, advice and friendship. He was an integral part of my Furman experience, and things will not be quite the same now that he is retiring.

However, I'm sure that, as usual, he will continue to go out of his way to share his time and advice with anyone who asks.

— MEGAN SLEMONS

The author, a 2008 graduate, is pursuing a master's degree in library science at the University of North Carolina. This year she received the Ethel Carlisle Southern Librarian Scholarship, awarded to a Furman graduate enrolled in a program accredited by the American Library Association.



JOHN POOLE's teaching is meticulous and passionate. He strives to bring the beauty of mathematics to students who are not math or science majors. In this quest, he fights years of fear and loathing, poor instruction, and basic laziness.

But his Great Ideas in Mathematics course, developed over his 43-year Furman career, expresses his purpose. The class moves through human history, showing how mathematics has been used to define and solve the problems of different eras. Students learn to appreciate

the structure, harmony and depth of mathematical thought.

Poole's passion is also expressed in his Web-based presentation of Euclid's *Elements* (math.furman.edu/~jpoole/index.htm), the first geometry textbook. The reader feels as if the text is actively helping to communicate the geometry proofs, and it deserves wide attention.

John also holds the distinction of being the only Furman faculty member whose existence has been "proven." It happened in the spring of 1977, after he had presented a proof of the existence and uniqueness of solutions to certain differential equations. It took him a week — and was the first time anyone in the class had seen a major proof in its entire scale and intricacy. Just realizing that I could follow this proof was an important confidence boost for me.

Some of us responded by declaring a holiday. We decorated the math offices with toilet paper and papered over John's door with computer-printed signs proclaiming "Happy April Poole's Day!"

In class that day, I presented the proof of the existence and uniqueness of the JTP (John T. Poole). Not only did its structure parody the proof John presented, but I managed to parody the man himself. It was two weeks before he could get through a lecture without doing something that made the class giggle.

John and I have kept in touch through the years. He took a sabbatical to study computer graphics and computer vision with me in 1985, and we published a paper from that experience. This May, at his departmental retirement dinner, I crashed the party and told this story — and wished everyone a Happy Special May Edition of April Poole's Day.

— JAMES COGGINS

The author, a 1977 graduate, is a senior principal research engineer with Alphatech, Inc., in Burlington, Mass.



HAYDEN PORTER began his career at Furman in 1979, when time-sharing access to large, expensive mainframe computers was the norm. Furman and its relatively young computer science program were immeasurably richer for his decision.

The hallmarks of Hayden's time at Furman have been rigorous, demanding classroom teaching and constant involvement in undergraduate research mentoring. If you talk to his students, the stories, like the verses of a song, are all

different, but the chorus is the same. He was tough — really tough — but supportive. He expected a lot, but if you had a question or needed help to understand a tough concept, he was always there.

It's a model I have tried to emulate and pass along to younger faculty in my academic career.

Hayden has mentored many undergraduates who have won research awards at the regional, national and international levels. Those students have proven to be remarkably well prepared for the challenges of industry and academia.

In recognition of his excellence as a teacher and mentor, he received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching in 1991. In addition, family and friends have endowed a fund in his name to support undergraduate research at Furman. (Learn more from betsy.moseley@furman.edu).

Hayden is also known for his insatiable curiosity. From the punch-card early days to the current world of ubiquitous mobile computing, he has tracked developments in our fast-moving discipline — and brought his students along on the journey. All the while he stayed current in his original discipline, astrophysics, continuing to publish research in that area.

What makes Hayden stand out is his deep, personal involvement in the intellectual development of students. In my case, he was the first person to suggest that I consider graduate study — just the push to start my own journey of discovery.

Hayden has remained a valued friend and advisor. He was and is a model of the teacher-scholar that I strive to emulate. In our business, the praise doesn't come any higher than that.

— LEWIS BARNETT

The author, a 1981 graduate, is chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at the University of Richmond.



JEREMY FLEMING

Wayne King: 30 years of service

WAYNE KING WAS 23 when he came to Furman in 1980 as area coordinator for men's housing. After two years he returned to his alma mater, Mars Hill, where he worked for 18 months before Furman lured him back in 1984 as housing director.

The second time, it took. For the next 15 years King's calm demeanor, sense of humor and good cheer served him well as he supervised the residence halls and their occasionally rowdy occupants. He presided over a liberalization of the university's visitation hours, and in the late 1990s he played a key role in the planning and development of the North Village apartments. In 1999 he made a shift into the development office, where he put the close relationships he'd established with students to good use while working in annual giving and donor relations and as a regional development officer.

"What I have really enjoyed is reconnecting with alumni I knew as students," he says. Indeed, King has often been the first person alumni contact when letting the school know of a birth, marriage or job change.

Now, after 30 years at Furman — and after overcoming a serious health issue — King has decided to take early retirement. He says, "When friends comment on my longevity here, my sincere response is that Furman has been very good to me and I have been very good to Furman. It's been a great marriage."

Perhaps "cutting back" is actually a better term than "retiring." King, who has a funeral director's license, will work part time at Gray Mortuary, an Anderson County funeral home where he has assisted for 20 years. He also looks forward to spending more time with his 92-year-old father.

In a note to Furman friends, he said, "To those of you who have loved me, prayed for me when I needed it, and graciously allowed me to victimize you with my sense of humor, thank you from the bottom of my heart."

— JIM STEWART



Bookmarks: Featuring summaries of recent publications by alumni and faculty

SANDY FREEMAN JONES '65, *Great Expectations, The Toddler Years: The Essential Guide to Your 1- to 3-Year-Old* (Sterling, 2011). The newest book in the *Great Expectations* series covers the challenges parents and children face in the transition from baby to toddler, from toilet training and teeth brushing to language skills, healthy sleep habits, discipline, socialization and play. Special sections highlight nutrition and childcare and help parents become more flexible, responsive, patient and creative. Sandy Jones is author of a number of books and hundreds of articles on pregnancy, birth and childcare. She and her daughter, Marcie, have written several other books in the series. Visit www.greatexpectationspregnancy.com.

KIRK NEELY '66, *Banjos, Barbecue and Boiled Peanuts* (Hub City Press, 2012) and *Santa Almost Got Caught: Stories for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year* (Dog Ear Publishing, 2011). *Banjos* is a sequel to Neely's *A Good Mule Is Hard To Find*, which in 2010 was a finalist for best book in nonfiction from the Southeastern Independent Booksellers Alliance. The publisher says Neely's new collection of down-home stories "delves even deeper into the humor and lore of Southern life, the mysteries and truths that are wedged between its mountains, snake down its rivers, stalk its gardens and graveyards, lie hidden in its abandoned boxcars, collect beneath its fingernails." In *Santa*, Neely, a minister in Spartanburg, S.C., shares stories that are both humorous and poignant. His holiday tales have long been a well-received staple of his ministerial work. Visit <http://kirkhneely.com>.

SAM F. STACK, JR. '77 and Doug Simpson, editors, *Teachers, Leaders, and Schools: Essays by John Dewey* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2011). Stack is a professor and associate department chair in the College of Human Resources and Education at West Virginia University. His co-author teaches at Texas Tech. Their book is an attempt to bring greater accessibility to the work of Dewey, one of the most prominent philosophers and educational thinkers of the 20th century. Larry Hickman, director of the Center for Dewey Studies, cites the book as "the best available collection of Dewey's essays on education." Stack is also the author of *Elsie Ripley Clapp (1879–1965): Her Life and the Community School*.

DOUG CAMPBELL '94 (M.A. '00), *Discipline Without Anger* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2012). The author has taught high school mathematics for the last 15 years and is currently at Polk County High in Columbus, N.C. He says his book is designed to show teachers "how to successfully manage their classes so that they can be free to teach without having to become bullies to keep order." A colleague at Polk County describes the book as "an excellent resource for every teacher, whether you are just starting out or have been teaching for 20 years. It will give you the techniques for discipline that they didn't teach you in college. You know — the techniques that work!"

FROM FACULTY

ANGELA HALFACRE, *A Delicate Balance: Constructing a Conservation Culture in the South Carolina Lowcountry* (University of South Carolina Press, 2012). The publisher says, "Communities across the country are seeking a viable pattern of growth that promotes prosperity, protects the environment, and preserves the distinctive quality of life of their regions. The coastal zone of South Carolina is one of the most endangered, culturally complex regions in the state and perhaps in all of the American South. *A Delicate Balance* examines how a multilayered culture of environmental conservation and sustainable development has emerged" in the region, and shows "how sprawl shock, natural disaster, climate change, and other factors spawned and sustain — but also threaten and hinder — the culture of conservation." Halfacre, a 1992 graduate, is director of the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability and an associate professor of political science.

ALLISON HURST, *College and the Working Class: What It Takes to Make It* (Sense Publishers, 2012). The author says in her introduction that the book "is about the three percent of working-class kids who earn four-year college degrees. It is about the American dream of upward mobility through education and hard work. It is also about the economic, moral and psychological dilemmas facing working-class people who choose to go to college." The book follows five working-class students as they apply to, enter, navigate and complete college. Through their stories readers learn about the obstacles working-class students face, the cost and effectiveness of higher education as a mechanism of social mobility, and the problems caused

on campuses by reticence to meaningfully confront the class divide. Hurst, who has taught sociology at Furman since 2009, is continuing her research in this area and is currently exploring how college graduates find meaningful careers.

KYLE C. LONGEST, *Using Stata for Quantitative Analysis* (Sage Publications, 2011). This self-teaching resource helps someone who has no experience with statistical software learn to work with data. Longest, who joined the sociology faculty in 2009, teaches the features and capabilities of Stata from an intuitive perspective, furthering students' overall retention by using screen shots to guide them through the process. The self-teaching style of the text allows novice Stata users to complete a basic quantitative research project from start to finish.

PAUL THOMAS, *Ignoring Poverty in the U.S.: The Corporate Takeover of Public Education* (Information Age Publishing, 2012). The 13th book from the Furman education professor examines the divide between a commitment to public education and our cultural myths and more powerful commitments to consumerism and corporate America. The publisher says the book "is intended to confront the growing misinformation about the interplay among poverty, public schools, and what schools can accomplish while political and corporate leadership push agendas aimed at replacing public education with alternatives such as charter schools." Thomas taught for 18 years in South Carolina public schools before joining the faculty in 2002. His scholarship and teaching deal primarily with critical literacy and social justice. Visit <http://wrestlingwithwriting.blogspot.com>.

Athletic shrine taps four standouts

TWO ALL-AMERICANS, a three-sport star, and a longtime administrator comprise Furman's 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame class. Quarterback Ingle Martin '06, golfer Brandi Jackson '03, Ted Yakin '54, and honorary selection John Block '63 will be inducted October 13.

Martin passed for 5,751 yards and 42 touchdowns in 2004–05 after transferring from the University of Florida. Furman posted a 21-6 record under his leadership and made the NCAA I-AA playoffs both years. He was All-Southern Conference as a quarterback and All-America as a punter in 2005, when he averaged 43.2 yards per punt. He holds or shares 16 school records.

Jackson was a three-time all-conference performer and the league's player of the year in 2003. She was the runner-up in the 2002 United States Women's Amateur, was a National Golf Coaches Association All-America in 2003, and twice won the South Carolina Women's Match Play title. She played for several years on the Futures and LPGA tours.

Yakin lettered in football, baseball and track and field. He rushed for 924 yards and five touchdowns in helping football post an 18-10-1 record from 1952–54. A first baseman in baseball, he set a school record with three triples in a 13-9 win over Clemson in 1954, and in track and field he excelled in sprints and the long jump.

Block played basketball as an undergraduate and joined the history faculty in 1968. He was NCAA faculty athletics representative from 1990–96. He became vice president for intercollegiate athletics in 1996, and during his five years in that position Furman teams won 33 league titles (regular season and tournament).



New coaches take the helm(s) of Paladin programs

IN RECENT MONTHS the athletics department welcomed five new head coaches to the Furman fold. They are:

LACROSSE: Richie Meade, coach of the U.S. men's national senior team, and Rachel Shuck Whitten have been hired to lead Furman's new men's and women's lacrosse programs, which will begin varsity play in the spring of 2014.

Meade was coach of the U.S. Naval Academy men's team from 1994–2011, leading the Midshipmen to a 142-97 record and seven NCAA tournament appearances. In his 21 years as a college head coach, including four years at the University of Baltimore, Meade has a 162-120 mark. He was also a tenured professor of physical education and is a Senior Fellow at the Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the Naval Academy. He will lead the U.S. senior team at the Federation of International Lacrosse World Championships in Denver, Colo., in 2014.

Whitten was most recently associate women's coach at the University of Denver, where she spent the last six years. During her time there the teams compiled a 71-36 record, won three Mountain Pacific Sports Federation regular-season championships, and ranked among the nation's top 20 three times.

SOFTBALL: Kyle Jamieson was most recently an assistant coach at Fordham

University in New York. He has also been on the staffs at Toledo, Bowling Green, Syracuse and Arkansas, and served as an assistant for the Danish men's national team.

TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY: Robert Gary was head men's track and field and cross country coach at Ohio State before coming to Furman this spring. His wife, Rita Arndt Gary, will serve as an assistant coach.

Gary, an Ohio State graduate and two-time U.S. Olympian in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, coached the Buckeyes' men's cross country team for 16 years, taking eight teams to the NCAA championships. He coached the track and field squad for the last six years. Rita Gary was head women's track and field/cross country coach at Miami (Ohio) University from 2008-09, where she led the cross country team to its first Mid-American Conference title.

WOMEN'S GOLF: Kelley Hester comes to Furman after spending the last five seasons as coach at the University of Georgia, where her teams qualified for the NCAA Regionals each year and finished 10th and 15th, respectively, at the 2008 and 2009 NCAA Championships. In 2009 Hester was named LPGA National Coach of the Year.

Visit www.furmanpaladins.com for more about the new coaches.



LEADERSHIP SUMMIT FLOWS WITH ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM

WHEN FURMAN'S VOLUNTEER COUNCILS, trustees and other supporters came together for what was billed as the university's first "Leadership Summit" April 21–23, it provided an opportunity for those involved to share and exchange their ideas and thoughts about the school's past, present and future.

The summit also offered folks the chance to explore new and different areas of interest on campus and off, with such activities as hikes along the Swamp Rabbit Trail (a walking, biking and running trail that stretches from Travelers Rest to downtown Greenville), sessions with Furman professors, cooking demonstrations, a presentation in the Furman planetarium, and a golf tournament.

Everything culminated in a festive "Night of the Stars" event (above) at Greenville's Westin Poinsett Hotel, where more than 500 people — key volunteers and donors of more than \$1,000 annually — joined university administrators, faculty and staff for a gala evening of fine dining and entertainment.

Another highlight of the weekend was the induction ceremony for Benefactors Circle, which honors those who have contributed \$1 million or more to Furman. This year, Benefactors Circle welcomed current trustee Dan Sanders and his wife, trustee emerita Emilyn

Sanders; the late Waco Childers '47 and his wife, the late Elaine Duffy Childers '43; and the Battelle Memorial Institute, a science and technology development company.

At the ceremony, Dan Sanders talked about his family's ties to Furman. He spoke of receiving a letter while he and Emilyn were living in Hong Kong inviting them to co-chair the Furman Parents Council. He described how their love of Furman, which began with the educational experiences of their children, Daniel '86 and John '88, inspired them to return regularly to Greenville from the Far East.

Dan and Emilyn Sanders have continued to support the university in a host of ways, from their service on the board of trustees to their recent efforts to help secure a major grant from the Milliken Foundation. They look forward to strengthening the Sanders-Furman connection this fall when their grandson, Daniel III, enrolls.

Trustee Carl Kohrt '65, former president and CEO of Battelle, also spoke. In a nod to Nobel Laureate and trustee emeritus Charles Townes '35, Kohrt told the crowd that research at Battelle led to the development of the compact disc . . . which is read by a laser . . . which Townes developed, reminding all in attendance that Furman's connections are everywhere.

SIX NEW MEMBERS join the Alumni Association Board of Directors this fall. They are:

Marilyn Mayfield Blackwell '65 of Greenville, formerly a corporate sales representative for Allied Payroll Service.

William M. Burtless '84 of Greenville, Eastern regional sales manager for Berry Plastics.

Mamie Susan (Susie) Caffey '81, visual arts specialist at Vestavia Hills (Ala.) Elementary Central School.

Gregory W. Haselden '94, vice president for finance and operations at Erskine College in Due West, S.C.

Kenneth A. Sargent '62, professor emeritus of earth and environmental sciences at Furman.

T. David Tribble '76, president of Bethesda Academy in Savannah, Ga.

The board also bids a fond goodbye — and thank you — to outgoing members Lynn Neely Bailey '78, Frank Blackwell '90, Mary Lou Walch Cagle '69, Paul Goebel '63, and Connie Gartrell Williams '74.

— KATE HOFLER

The author, a 2009 graduate, is Web communications coordinator at Furman.

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Johnnie Mac Walters of Greenville was honored in January when he was among 150 World War II veterans to receive a Legion of Honor award from the nation of France. He flew as a navigator on 53 combat missions in the European theatre. The award, established by Napoleon, recognizes "services rendered to France by persons of great merit."

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Mitch Carnell was named the 2011-12 Professor of the Year at Webster University's graduation in Charleston, S.C.

MARRIAGE: **Nancy Harris Boughton** and Philip Landis, April 22. They live in Kokomo, Ind.

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Brown Bradley was recently invited to sing the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria" at the San Marco Basilica in Venice, Italy. Brown had a 25-year career in New York City as a tenor soloist with major symphony orchestras and opera companies, among them the New York City Opera, Washington Opera and Hong Kong Opera. He also appeared in eight Broadway productions. He now lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he is director of music and fine arts at First Presbyterian Church.

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Harry Eskew of Macon, Ga., was one of 150 members of the Sons of Jubal, a male chorus and orchestra, that performed in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during its Spring Arts Festival in April. The group also performed in Beijing, China.

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Bill Graham celebrated 40 years as musical director of the North Carolina Boys Choir and Chamber Choir and the North Carolina Girls Choir in a concert at the Duke University Chapel in Durham June 11.

The Boys Choir, which tours nationally and internationally, was founded as the Durham Boys Choir in 1972 when Bill was organist and director of music at First Presbyterian Church. It was designated the North Carolina Boys Choir in 1983.

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Maurice Cherry, Carey Shepard Crantford Endowed Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures at Furman, received the 2012 Founders Award from the Southern Conference on Language Teaching for his leadership with the group and his role as editor of "Dimension," the annual volume of the conference's proceedings. Earlier this year he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Carolina Foreign Language Teachers Association. Maurice has taught at Furman for 40 years.

Richard Giannini retired in January after 13 years as director of athletics at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Under his leadership Southern Miss captured 13 Conference USA championships. In addition, he spearheaded a complete makeover of the school's athletics facilities and founded two athletics fundraising programs. The school named a suite at M.M. Roberts Stadium in his honor.

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Ken Lister retired April 15 as minister of music at First Baptist Church of Greenwood, S.C. He spent 40 years in full-time music ministry.

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Harold Warlick recently retired as dean of the chapel and professor of religion and philosophy at High Point (N.C.) University, where he had worked since 1989. He continues as summer resident minister of Blowing Rock (N.C.) Methodist Church.

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Vernon Burton, a professor at Clemson University and an award-winning writer and historian, has been elected to the Society of American Historians in recognition of the literary and scholarly distinction of his historical writing. Vernon is director of the Clemson Cyberinstitute and professor of history and computer science.

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John O. Allen has been appointed senior trust officer in the trust and wealth management group of First National Bank in Shelby, N.C. John is a certified trust financial advisor and holder of an accredited investment fiduciary designation.

Frances Smith Ligler was elected to the 2012 class of the American Institute for Medical Biological Engineering's College of Fellows. The College of Fellows is comprised of the top two percent of medical and biological engineers in the country. Fran is the Navy's senior scientist for biosensors and biomaterials and is a member and past chair of the Bioengineering Section of the National Academy of Engineering. She serves on the organizing committee for the World Biosensors Congress and the permanent steering committee for Europt(r)odes, the European Conference on Optical Sensors.

Betsy Stricklin of Columbia, S.C., has been promoted to assistant general counsel with Computer Sciences Corporation, where she has worked for 17 years.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

President Obama has nominated **Deborah Malac** as ambassador to the Republic of Liberia. Deborah, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, most recently served as director of the state department's Office of East African Affairs. She has also been deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa.

Thomas E. Reynolds, an attorney with Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker, LLC, in Birmingham, Ala., was included in the 2012 "Alabama Super Lawyers" listing published in *Alabama Super Lawyers* magazine and in a special supplement to the May issue of *Business Alabama*.

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Nancy McAlpin Spitler is now the editor of *Clemson World* magazine, published by Clemson University.

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Sharon Crawley Bramlett, an attorney in the Columbia, S.C., office of the McNair Law Firm, has been appointed to a two-year term as president of the Palmetto Center for Women. The Palmetto Center, a division of the YMCA of Columbia, supports, develops and champions issues that affect women.

Joseph Martin conducted a program of his compositions May 28 at Avery Fisher Hall in New York City's Lincoln Center. The program, which included the world premiere of "A Festive Call to Freedom," featured Distinguished Concerts Orchestra International and a choir of more than 300 voices. Joe lives in Austin, Texas, and is director of sacred publications at Shawnee Press. He has more than 1,500 pieces in print, and more than 20 million copies of his music have been sold worldwide.

David A. Merline, Jr., a shareholder in the Greenville firm of Merline & Meacham, P.A., is included in the *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 edition in the areas of corporate law, employee benefits, mergers and acquisitions, tax law, and trusts and estates. **Leslie Branch Raymer** is interim minister of administration and children's programs at Sandy Springs Christian Church in Atlanta.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Ken Stevenson of Tallahassee, Fla., an employee benefits broker at the Earl Bacon Agency, serves as the legislative chair for the Florida Association of Health Underwriters. Additionally, he has started a new franchise called Bungobox, a provider of reusable plastic containers.

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John Rice, a board-certified psychiatrist, has joined Park Ridge Medical Associates in Hendersonville, N.C.

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Susan Mangels recently became vice president for institutional advancement at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., where she had been director of corporate and foundation relations.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Jef Chandler has enjoyed a successful career as a singer-songwriter in the Southeast. He has released three solo albums and is now a member of the Bad Popes, a Greenville-based group that plays country music and Western swing. Learn more at www.jefchandler.com.

Scott Shadle is senior vice president and chief information officer for Aviall, Inc., a Dallas, Texas-based subsidiary of The Boeing Company.

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Wayne Burr, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, received his flight surgeon wings in May and was scheduled to report to the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, S.C., as the Marine Air Group 31 flight surgeon. He is responsible for the oversight of the medical readiness of personnel assigned to the seven F/A18 squadrons based in Beaufort.

Patrick Hynes of Clemmons, N.C., is vice president for the Mid-Atlantic region with KBS Capital Markets Group. Patrick joined KBS from Sun Life Financial Distributors in Boston, where he was regional vice president.

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Greg Michell has been named a partner in the law firm of Stanley, Esrey & Buckley, LLP, in Atlanta.

BIRTH: Brince and **Holly Wilford**, a daughter, Sloane Elizabeth, October 20, Nashville, Tenn.

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Rick Collett is president and co-owner of BrightStar Care, a home healthcare franchise in Chattanooga, Tenn. The company, which assists individuals who are widowed or caring for an aging spouse, works with physicians, home health agencies, hospice, skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals and assisted living centers to meet patient needs. Rick has more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare field.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Rusty Godfrey, a teacher at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville, was named the national 2012 Outstanding Teacher of American History by the Daughters of the American Revolution. He is also the state winner of the award.

Martha Henderson Hurley became chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., effective July 1. She is the first African-American woman to serve as a department head at the college.

Bill Rencher earned a Master of Public Health degree from Georgia State University in May and is the Health Access Program director for Georgia Watch, a statewide consumer advocacy organization. He lives in Atlanta.

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Jennifer Wagner Gossett recently became board certified in music therapy after completing a three-year program at Charleston Southern University. She received the 2012 Southeastern Region Intern Award for the American Music Therapy Association and has partnered with the Charleston Autism Academy to begin a music therapy program.

BIRTH: John and **Lisa Johnson**, a daughter, Emma Louise, March 19, Honolulu, Hawaii.

94

Sarah Watkins Satterfield of Ocala, Fla., has been promoted to full professor at the College of Central Florida, where she teaches courses in music and the humanities. She is also a competitive tri-athlete and recently completed a Half Iron Man, her 19th triathlon in three years. She was scheduled to compete in the Olympic National Triathlon Championships in Burlington, Vt., in August.

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Don Raber has been appointed dean of academic programs at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. He most recently served as chair of the political science department. He also co-chaired the PC 2012 Steering Committee and was subcommittee chair of the PC NCAA Division I Self Study.

BIRTH: Steve and **Heather Vande Brake** '96 **Hunt**, a daughter, Wilhelmina Marie, September 23, Monterey, Calif. Steve graduated from Naval Postgraduate School in June with a Master of Science degree in operations research. The Hunts have moved to Sumter, S.C., where he is with the Army Central Command.

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Frances Chang is director of marketing at Construction Resources, a granite countertop and kitchen and bath renovation company in Decatur, Ga.

Robbie Cole is the new football coach at Berea High School in Greenville. He was previously offensive coordinator at Greenville High.

BIRTHS: **Marc** '94 and **Allison Rinker St. John**, a son, Daniel Evan, June 7, Chevy Chase, Md.

Daniel and **Cari Williams** '97 **Hicks**, a son, Ezra McCall, April 26. They live in Greenville.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

BIRTH: **Todd** '98 and **Karen Oberg Yochim**, a son, Troy Anthony, August 29, 2011. Karen practices law with McNeal & Yochim, P.L., in Gainesville, Fla.

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Beth Keefauver received a Ph.D. degree in English and creative writing in December from the University of Tennessee, where she teaches.

MARRIAGE: **Ross Eldridge** and Kara Ferguson, April 21. Ross is an investment banker with GE Capital and Kara is a sales specialist with IBM. They live in Atlanta.

BIRTH: **Tom** and Rosetta **Mowbray**, a daughter, Annabelle Grace, May 30, Greenville.

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Leah Overstreet of Brooklyn, N.Y., is co-founder of Frontrunner Gallery where she recently exhibited her photographs of local citizens who populate the area near the gallery, located in Manhattan. Visit www.leahoverstreet.com and click on "The Chibeca Project."

Megan Fischer Weis has earned a Doctor of Public Health degree in health promotion, education and behavior from the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health.

MARRIAGES: **Evan Melcher** and Jennifer Neiss, January 15. They live in Canton, Ga.

Adam Stillwell and **Christine Hacker** '01, October 2. They live in Greenville.

BIRTHS: Will and **Melissa Branchetti Atkin**, a son, Michael "Mickey" Alaric, March 21. They live in Plainfield, N.J. Melissa works for W.W. Norton & Co., where her responsibilities have included work on the publication of *America, A Narrative History*, co-authored by **David Shi** '73, former president of Furman.

Evan and **Paige Thurmond Bass**, a daughter, Merritt Josephine, October 10, Charlotte, N.C.
Chad and **Laura Rigdon Johnson**, a son, Luke Alexander, April 16, Suwanee, Ga.

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Don Abramo of Gilbertsville, Pa., has earned an executive MBA degree in pharmaceutical and healthcare marketing from St. Joseph's University. Don, who works with Merck & Co., ranked first in his 48-student class and was inducted into the school's top-rated chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society for collegiate schools of business.

Curtis Callaway of Dalton, Ga., was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's 2011 "Top 40 Under 40: Georgia's Best and Brightest." He is a communications manager for Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

Jackie Smith Carson, women's basketball coach at Furman since 2010, is one of 29 members of the charter class of inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame at C.D. Hylton High School in Woodbridge, Va. A standout in basketball, volleyball and softball in high school, she starred in basketball at Furman, where she is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Brendan Farran has been promoted to commercial real estate relationship manager at Avenue Bank in Nashville, Tenn.

Reid Hawkins has been promoted to senior graphic designer at Madison Performance Group. He lives in New York City.

BIRTHS: **H.J.** and **Ashley Kamphaus Brathwaite**, a daughter, Lena Merryn, May 7, 2011, Raleigh, N.C.

Russ and Rebecca **Chambliss**, a daughter, Charlotte Ann, March 10, Birmingham, Ala.

Daniel and Chappell **Hughes**, a daughter, Sarah Chappell Hughes, February 9, Greenville.

Bradley and **Martha Davis King**, a daughter, Ruby Lou, August 21, 2011. After graduating from the University of North Carolina in 2011 with a Doctor of Medicine degree and a master's degree in public health, Bradley began a residency in internal medicine at the school. He was scheduled to transition to a residency in ophthalmology in July.

Peter and Shana Byers **King**, twins, a daughter, Caroline Albright, and a son, Carter Byers, February 24. Peter is an international tax attorney with KPMG LLP, and Shana is a teacher in the Fairfax (Va.) County Schools.

Justin and **Shelby Huie McNinch**, a son, Shepherd William, May 22, Charlotte, N.C.
David and **Carrie Lyle Williford**, a son, Joshua David, April 19. They live in Greer, S.C.

01

Rick Bridges is chief operating officer of B&B Distributors, Inc., in Rock Hill, S.C. He has earned a master's degree in business administration from Winthrop University.

MARRIAGE: **Julie Faulk** and Billy Grooms, April 14. Julie has a doctorate in physical therapy from Elon University, and Billy is a pursuing a doctorate in pharmacy at South Carolina College of Pharmacy. They live in Darlington, S.C.

BIRTHS: **Adam** and **Tracy Mueller** '00 **Elliott**, a son, Griffin Miller, February 11. They live in Roswell, Ga.

Kevin and **Marisa Poston McLendon**, a son, Jackson Collier, September 4, 2011, Hobe Sound, Fla.

Kyle and **Laura Moody**, a son, Crosby Neill, March 24. They live in Atlanta.
Chris and **Marcie Hocking Sprinkle**, a son, Lucas William, February 22. They live in Frederick, Md. Marcie works for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Chris is an account manager for Republic Services.

02

THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Joshua Patterson (M.A. '06) has been named principal of Oakland Elementary School in Spartanburg (S.C.) School District 2. He was assistant principal at Boiling Springs (S.C.) Intermediate School.

Andy Pascual has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the Georgia Army National Guard, Judge Advocate General's Corps. He remains an assistant district attorney in DeKalb County, where he has been promoted to the Crimes Against Children Unit.

Ann Shoemaker earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in May. She lives in Waco, Texas, where she is assistant professor of bassoon at Baylor University.
BIRTHS: **Brandon** '03 and **Julie Esser Barrett**, a son, Luke Flynn, April 8, Mesa, Ariz.

J.M. and Bryant **Byrne**, a daughter, Kylie Blair, November 1, Charleston, S.C.
Brian and **Julie Fellabom Kapusta**, a son, Ethan John, April 18, Wexford, Pa.

03

Eric Tornfelt, who teaches civics and economics at Mallard Creek High School, was named 2012 Teacher of the Year for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) Schools. He has taught at the school since 2007.

BIRTHS: **Rod** '00 and **Kristin Van Middelem Bayless**, a daughter, Riley Elizabeth, February 15, Atlanta.

Jordon and **Krissy Douglass Hoort**, twins, a son, Connor Douglass, and a daughter, Caroline Clare, June 28, 2011, Charleston, S.C.

Matt and **Jessica Miller Kelley**, a daughter, Claire Moriah, November 1, Nashville, Tenn. Jessica manages MinistryMatters.com, an online resource for church leaders.

McKinley and **Megan Spengeman Larkins**, a son, Henry James, April 29, Alpharetta, Ga.

04

MARRIAGES: **Louisa Carter** and Evan Staton, June 2. Both Louisa, who earned a master's degree in environmental science from the College of Charleston, and Evan are pursuing doctorates in genetics at the University of Georgia.

April Slaphey and James Ian Smithwick Robson, May 28, 2011. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where April works as the health and wellness account executive for Integra Employer Health.

BIRTHS: **Dan** '01 and **Amanda Moseley Atkinson**, a daughter, Nora Kay, April 23, Greer, S.C.

Rob '05 and **Lauren Welch Langley**, a son, Luke Adair, March 25, Dallas, Texas.

Grant and Teresa **Nicholson**, a daughter, Addison McKenzie, May 6. They live in Seneca, S.C.

Paul and **Elaine Kelly Wilder**, a son, Elliott Brooks, January 27. They live in Atlanta. Paul works in healthcare administration for Resurgens Orthopaedics, and Elaine is associate minister at Marietta First United Methodist Church.

05

Timothy Bundy graduated from Yale University in May with an MBA degree. He has accepted a position as product manager with Zynga, a social network game company in San Francisco.

Andrew Harrill of Rutherfordton, N.C., earned a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree in December. He specializes in emergency medicine and is assistant medical director of Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services.

MARRIAGES: **Laura Anne Cranford** and **John Gatling Hoffer** '06, March 24. They live in Florence, S.C., where Jack is an attorney with the Aiken Bridges firm.

Heather Wilson and Peter Morash, April 21. Heather is a registered nurse with the Family Beginnings Unit at Greenville Memorial Hospital, and Peter works as a corrections officer at the Greenville County Detention Center.

BIRTHS: **Adam** and **Diana Estes**

Ligler, a daughter, Kayla Nicole, June 24, Charlotte, N.C.

Josh and **Graham Clark** '08 **Mudd**, a son, Jordan "Jay" Michael, May 29, 2011, Smyrna, Ga.

Nick and **Lucy Clark Sanders**, a son, Samuel Clark Sanders, March 21, Charleston, S.C.

Graham and **Neel Webb** '06 **Young**, a son, Hayes, October 11, Nashville, Tenn.

06

The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice presented **Kimberly Jackson** the Hugh White Award on March 2 for her advocacy for economic and worker justice with cafeteria workers at the Atlanta University Center (AUC). Kimberly is chaplain with the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center and Chapel, which serves the AUC. **BIRTH:** Chad and **Amanda Lynn-Jones Phillips**, a daughter, Lyla Kaylynn, March 8, Greenville. Amanda has earned a master's degree in health services administration from Strayer University.

07

THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Carter Barfield has joined the football staff at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., as an assistant coach. He was previously a graduate assistant at the University of Kentucky and at Tennessee-Martin.

Colin Hagan graduated *magna cum laude* from Vermont Law School this spring and is an associate attorney with the Vermont office of Shlansky Law Group.

James Gibson "Gib" Pennington earned a Doctor of Medicine degree in psychiatry from the University of South Alabama, where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and received the Neuroscience Achievement Award. He has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Erika Grace Powell represented South Carolina in the 2012 Miss USA pageant, where she placed in the top 16.

MARRIAGE: **Marjorie Dornette** and John Connell, March 24. They live in Washington, D.C.

BIRTH: **Todd** and Allison **Arant**, a son, Clarkson Todd, February 22, Apex, N.C.

08

Kristen Capogrossi has earned a Ph.D. in economics from Virginia Tech University. She works with Christensen Associates, a consulting firm in Madison, Wis. Her first journal article has been accepted for the *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. Virginia Tech named **Brittany Carr** the outstanding graduating student in the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine for 2011–12. She received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in May. Brittany is past president of the student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association Task Force Committee, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, American Animal Hospital Association, and the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

MARRIAGE: **Matthew David Newsom** and **Lydia Elisabeth Cronic** '09, April 28. Lydia received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree with honors from the University of Georgia in May and began her pharmacy residency at Emory University in Decatur, Ga., in June. Matthew is an account manager for PHT International Chemical Company.

BIRTH: **Jonathan** and **Esther Mosteller Futrell**, a son, Jonathan William, Jr., February 25. They live in Baltimore, Md.

09

Jennifer Agress, who spent a year in Milan and Paris as an *au pair*, is now assistant director of communications at Palmer Trinity School in Miami, Fla.

Jonathan Andersen has earned a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School and accepted a position as assistant pastor at Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church in Dacula, Ga.

Eric Chamberlin graduated from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree.

Christopher Mills graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in May, receiving his Juris Doctor degree. At Harvard he was a senior editor of the *Law Review*, co-founder of the Harvard Law School Tea Party, and a member of the Law Christian Fellowship. He is a clerk for Chief Judge David Sentelle of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Viktoriya Nikolova graduated from Northeastern University in May with an MBA degree. She lives in Quincy, Mass., and is a project manager and business analyst at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. In earning her master's degree in interior design from Savannah (Ga.) College of Art and Design, **Alison West** was chosen to be the macebearer at the school's 2012 graduation ceremony. She was selected for the honor because of her outstanding academic performance, as she graduated with a grade-point average of 4.0

MARRIAGES: **Caroline Cates** and **Tanner Ivie** '08, August 14, 2011. Tanner graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law in May 2011 and works as a clerk for Judge B. Avant Edenfield in Savannah, Ga. Caroline is completing the physician assistant program at Emory University.

John Howard Dawson and Jamie Amanda Ball, October 29. John is employed by Imaginova in Springfield, Va., as the business manager of *Space News International* magazine. Jamie works in accounting at IronBrick Associates.

Clair Kramer Dixon and **Benjamin Jay Horner**, September 3, 2011. They live in Greenville.

Jade Lawson and Jacob Fountain, May 27. They live in Charleston, S.C.

PUBLIC SERVICE A LIFESTYLE FOR KNOXVILLE MAYOR ROGERO

TAKE A LOOK around Furman's campus and it's clear there's no "typical Furman student." The student body is a mish-mash of ages, interests, ethnicities, accomplishments and goals.

But even among such a diversified group, Madeline Rogero was unique as a senior in 1979. "I was a bit of an older student. I had one child already, and one was on the way," she says. "My second child was just about three weeks old when I graduated."

That wasn't the only thing that made Rogero stand out. She had transferred to Furman after a year at Temple University and two years as a political science major at Ohio State. Before her senior year, however, she felt called to help California's farm aides — which led to a four-year hiatus from higher education, during which she worked with Cesar Chavez to help farm workers improve their living and working conditions.

Today, as mayor of Knoxville — the first woman to serve as mayor of any of Tennessee's four largest cities (including Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga) — Rogero says those kinds of experiences shaped her view not only of public service, but of what it means to be a contributing member of a community. She jumped head-first into improving Knoxville as soon as she moved there more than 30 years ago.

"I got my start in politics as a county commissioner. I cared about neighborhood issues," she says. "I ran for mayor because I wanted to continue the work that I had been doing — dealing with blighted properties, strengthening our communities, and actively supporting sustainability issues."

During the past three decades Rogero has served on numerous boards, including the Knoxville Transportation Authority, Partnership for Neighborhood Improvement, and the Mental Health Association of Knox County. Her efforts have earned her many accolades, including the 2003 Knoxville Villian of the Year award.

Rogero has a long history of working to revitalize areas that have fallen into disrepair. After losing a close mayoral race in 2003 to Bill Haslam — now the state's governor — Rogero joined his administration as community development director. The Office of Neighborhoods, launched under her leadership, was instrumental in completing a \$25.6 million program that helped secure tax credits, grants and bonds for businesses in economically depressed parts of the city.

Rogero and her staff also spent countless hours on commercial redevelopment, historic preservation, property redemption, and services that enhanced the community's economy. She spearheaded a five-county collaboration that garnered a \$4.3 million grant to support sustainable community planning.

Even before taking the job with the city, though, Rogero pushed to improve her community. Among other responsibilities, she consulted with Capital One Financial Corporation's community affairs office and was executive director of Knoxville's Promise, an organization devoted to giving youths the resources they need to become successful adults.

As mayor, Rogero is focused on redeveloping Knoxville's south waterfront and working with a local foundation to support 10 city parks, as well as hiking and biking trails.

Although she spent only a year at Furman, she credits her time there with helping her learn to translate her real-world, outside-the-box experiences into effective civic endeavors. She points to classes with professors Jim Guth and Don Aiesi as forums where she came to understand the value of her work with Chavez.

"I remember they would often call on me during political science and constitutional law discussions because I had a lot of real and practical experience to bring to those conversations," she said. "They knew I had a different point of view."

From a young age, Rogero says, she felt she would become involved in causes greater than herself.

"The nuns and priests [in her Catholic schools] challenged us to be involved," she says. "A lot of different things were happening in the '60s — the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War. That education opened my mind beyond my personal experiences and really instilled in me a sense of working for the world to be more equitable, inclusive and diverse."

Rogero also learned firsthand the importance of helping others during her childhood in Florida. At any given time, foster children or other family members lived in her house. Seeing her parents open their lives to those in need taught her to reach out to others whenever she could.



DAVID LUTTRELL

That time with family also nurtured Rogero's love of nature. Her father, she says, loved to hunt and fish, and they spent a great deal of time at the beach or on the river.

Her affinity for the outdoors has never faded. Rogero and her husband, Gene Monaco, often bike around Knoxville's greenways or use their flatwater kayaks to paddle down the Tennessee River. Her greatest outdoor adventure, however, is being a beekeeper.

"As a family, we suit up in the gear with the veil and the gloves, and we share the honey the bees make with friends and family," says Rogero, a mother and grandmother of two and stepmother of three. "It's a really amazing thing to get into when you realize that one-third of the things we eat depend on honeybees for pollination. It's really helped me to learn about and appreciate the ecosystem we live in."

— WHITNEY JACKSON HOWELL

The author, a 2000 graduate, is a freelance writer in Durham, N.C.

Amanda Noyes and Robert Hodges, June 23. Amanda is a software developer with SPARC, and Rob is an account supervisor with Peoplease. They live in Charleston, S.C.

Garrison Ries and **Lauren Swindell**, June 16. They live in Daytona Beach, Fla. Lauren is a sourcing specialist with Volt Workforce Solutions. Garrison is pursuing a Master of Science degree in aeronautics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

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Brittany Aloï was among 37 recipients (out of 90,000 candidates) of the 2011 Elijah Watt Sells Award, presented by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The award recognizes outstanding performance on the Uniform CPA Examination. Brittany holds a Master of Accountancy degree from North Carolina State University and works with Reznick Group in Charlotte, N.C.

Tony Anderson has been named boys' basketball coach at Brashier Middle College Charter High School in Simpsonville, S.C.

Hillary Mullet has been awarded a three-year National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, which recognizes scientific achievement at the undergraduate level and professional promise in graduate school. Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$30,000, an additional \$10,500 cost-of-education allowance, and opportunities for international research and professional development. Hillary is studying cognitive psychology in the doctoral program at Duke University.

Jonathan Teitloff has joined BrightTag, a tech start-up in Chicago. He previously worked in digital marketing management at Starcom Worldwide, an advertising agency.

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Erin Gray and **Natalie Gruenke** have each been awarded a three-year National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, which recognizes scientific achievement at the undergraduate level and professional promise in graduate school. Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$30,000, an additional \$10,500 cost-of-education allowance, and opportunities for international research and professional development. Erin is studying chemical synthesis at Princeton University. Natalie is enrolled at Northwestern University, where she is studying chemical structure, dynamics and mechanism.

Dusty Roether is a recipient of the Ethel Carlisle Southern Librarian Scholarship for 2012. He is enrolled in the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of South Carolina. The Southern scholarship is available to a Furman student who anticipates becoming a librarian or to a Furman graduate who is accepted into a program accredited by the American Library Association.

MARRIAGE: **Matthew Giebert** and **Megan Hamilton**, May 12. They live in College Station, Texas, where Megan is pursuing a master's degree in health education and Matt is studying for a doctorate in political science at Texas A&M University.

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Annelise Gorenssek, **Megan Novak** and **James Wade**, all of whom earned degrees in chemistry, have each been awarded a three-year National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, which recognizes scientific achievement at the undergraduate level and professional promise in graduate school. Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$30,000, an additional \$10,500 cost-of-education allowance, and opportunities for international research and professional development. Annelise is pursuing a doctorate in biochemistry at the University of North Carolina. Megan

is studying cancer biology at Northwestern University, and James is doing graduate work in analytical chemistry at the University of Illinois.

Brandon Tensley and **Sarah "Kitty" Tryon** have been awarded J. William Fulbright Scholarships to serve as English teaching assistants in Germany for the 2012–13 academic year. The Fulbright is the flagship academic exchange program between the United States and 155 countries. At the spring Commencement Brandon received the Bradshaw-Feaster Medal for General Excellence, given by the faculty to the outstanding male graduate. Kitty was a member of the women's soccer team and was named to the Southern Conference Student Athlete Honor Roll.

DEATHS

Betty Glenn Harris Curry '38, May 17, Greenwood, S.C. An accomplished pianist, she had a long career as an elementary school educator.

Robert Nelson DuRant '40, May 28, West Columbia, S.C. A graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, he volunteered with the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946, then returned to active duty in 1950 on a regular Army commission. He retired as a lieutenant colonel after serving as chief trial attorney, Department of the Army and Chief Contact Appeals branch of the Judge Advocate General's Office in Washington, D.C. He did a tour in Germany, where he was president of Northern Area Command Men of the Frankfurt Central Chapel, and in Verdun, France, where he was staff judge advocate of Fourth Logistical Command and a recipient of the Verdun Medal. From 1967 to 1974 he was executive vice president of the South Carolina Bankers Association. He also served as president of the Southern Conference of Bankers Associations and of the South Carolina Society of Association Executives. He was the first executive director of the South Carolina Bar, a two-term president of the National Association of Bar Executives, and

a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. He and his wife established the DuRant Public Service Award with the South Carolina Bar Foundation, the highest honor awarded to a member of the state Bar. Active in the Columbia Rotary Club and Richland County March of Dimes, he chaired the board of trustees of Epworth Children's Home. He was a life member of the Military Officers Association of America and a member of the state forestry association.

Frances Inez Hair Edwards '41, April 14, Rock Hill, S.C. She earned a master's degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and retired from teaching with the North Carolina Department of Education.

Martha Geer Perry '41, October 25, Monroe, N.C. She taught school briefly before going to work for the *Thomasville* (N.C.) *Times*. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and the Department of Social Services.

Marcia Linda Bell Crouch '42, April 1, Decatur, Ga. During World War II she worked at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York City. She was active in the United Methodist Women and the Catherine Horstmann Home. She managed the Church of the Savior shut-in program and volunteered at the Free Clinic for Animal Health.

Ward Rhyme Robinson '42, April 26, Cary, N.C. He was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve and served tours in Brazil and on several different seacraft. After his discharge he earned additional undergraduate and graduate degrees from North Carolina State University and taught vocational agriculture for 18 years. In 1966 he joined the Sustainable Development Policy Institute as a consultant, and in 1979 he was elected president of the North Carolina Vocational Teachers' Association. He was also on the faculty at North Carolina State. In 1966 his family was chosen Family of the Year for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

Francis Ruth Folk Rogers '43, April 2, Orangeburg, S.C. She taught piano and was active in church music ministry in the Carolinas. She was vice chair of the Colleton County Democratic Party and received extensive recognition for her leadership in the cause of human rights.

Edith Angie Sayer '43, October 26, Tigerville, S.C. She earned degrees in library science from Vanderbilt University's George Peabody College for Teachers and served as a high school librarian and mathematics teacher in Georgia for four years and as librarian at Truett-McConnell College for two years. She then moved to North Greenville College, where she was librarian from 1949 to 1987. She was a member of the Southeastern Library Association and the South Carolina Library Association, a six-time Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and an Outstanding Educator of America. Listed in *Who's Who of American Women*, *Personalities of the South*, and *Dictionary of International Two Thousand Women of Achievement*, she was Baptist Women's director and Girls' Auxiliary director for the North Greenville Baptist Association.

Carl W. Sinclair '43, October 5, Greensboro, N.C. He served from 1942–46 in the Army Air Corps, assigned to the Airways Communication System. After completing military service and earning his degree he worked with JP Stevens, Mohawk Carpet Mills and the Institute of Textile Technology. He ended his career at Cone Mills as a textile engineering consultant. After retiring he volunteered with International Executive Service Corps as a textile consultant to Third World countries. He was a Red Cross volunteer, a lay leader in the Methodist church, and a member of the Southern Textile Association.

Dwayne E. King, Sr. '44, May 12, Greenville. His time at Furman was interrupted by World War II, during which he served a full combat tour and flew 35 missions as a navigator in B-17s. He retired from the Air Force Reserve in 1969 as a major and was employed with JP Stevens as an accountant. He was involved with the Jaycees, Rotary and Masons.

Pauline Bryson Potter '45, May 6, Myrtle Beach, S.C. She taught science and math on the middle and high school levels.

Merl Douglas '46, November 16, Lombard, Ill. He was a military veteran and worked in retail public relations. He was a docent at Brookfield Zoo and volunteered at Mayslake Peabody Estate.

Miriam "Mickey" Jones Henderson '46, May 16, Greenwood, S.C. She was an educator for more than 30 years and was active in the Greenwood Woman's Club and the Isaqueena Study Club.

Mary Mundy Morgan '46, March 23, Easley, S.C. She retired as a psychologist with the Greenville County School System.

Lena Wall Glover Perrin '47, June 1, Greenville. She was a visitor for the Department of Public Welfare and a member of the Auxiliary of the Piedmont chapter of the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers. She was also a member of the Greenville chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Greenville County Historical Society and South Carolina Historical Society, and was a sustaining member of the Junior League.

Hassell B. Sledd '47, October 15, Johnstown, Pa. After serving in World War II, he earned his doctorate from Boston University while holding an assistant professorship at Northeastern University. He taught English at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania for nearly 30 years. He was active in the Slippery Rock Rotary Club and the youth exchange program for the district.



**IN MEMORIAM:
FRANK TAYLOR**

BEFORE COMING TO FURMAN in 1979 as chair of the physics department, Frank Taylor taught for 12 years at Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Ga. His final year there, he was named the school's Faculty Member of the Year — an accomplishment he matched at Furman in 1983, when he received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching.

In an article in the Fall '83 issue of *Furman Reports*, Taylor explained why, after 12 years at a technical college, he'd wanted to move to a liberal arts school: "Here, the slant of what I teach is different. At a technical college, application is it. But at a college like Furman, you can justify studying something simply because it is interesting. You don't listen to a symphony because it will lead you to build a better transistor radio. So, too, in physics, you can see and appreciate the beauty if you aren't forced always to be concerned with practical applications."

Taylor, who died July 25 at the age of 68, was a Georgia Tech graduate who earned advanced degrees from the University of North Carolina. He was skilled at computer programming and was instrumental in introducing computers into the physics curriculum. Under his leadership the department acquired high-end computer hardware and software, and he helped develop an award-winning interdisciplinary computer course. During his years at Furman Taylor received the student government's Rookie of the Year Award and the Invitation Award from the Student League for Black Culture.

He was perhaps best known for his commitment to and genuine concern for students, often working late hours to help entire classes understand their assignments. His friend Bill Rogers, now Bennette E. Geer Professor Emeritus of Literature, once said, "Frank is more devoted to the craft of teaching than almost any college professor I know." Upon Taylor's retirement from Furman in 1999, Rogers praised his "dedication to the good of Furman and the larger community, his courage and compassion, and his personal integrity."

After leaving Furman Taylor taught courses at Greenville Technical College and was active with the Rotary Club of the Foothills. He worked closely with the Minefield Adoption Project, a local program dedicated to supporting the United Nations' de-mining effort in coordination with Rotary clubs in Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

He is survived by a sister and a number of nieces and nephews. Furman held a memorial service for him on August 7.

— JIM STEWART

TRUSTEES NAME JOYNER FIRST RECIPIENT OF RILEY MEDAL

THE LATE C. DAN JOYNER is the first recipient of the Richard W. Riley Medal for Promise and Achievement, presented at the spring Commencement.

The award was established in April by the board of trustees to honor Riley, the 1954 Furman graduate who served as governor of South Carolina and U.S. Secretary of Education. Riley completed his term as chair of the board June 30.

Joyner (left), who died in January, was a 1959 graduate, a leading Greenville businessman, a Furman trustee and an ardent supporter of the university and especially the athletics program. His wife, Katherine Poole Joyner '60, and children accepted the award.

In making the presentation, President Rod Smolla said, "The board voted unanimously to honor Dan Joyner in recognition of his many contributions to the Greenville community and to his alma mater, both of which he loved so much and supported so faithfully. His devotion and commitment to his family, to his hometown and to Furman were unsurpassed."

Riley, for whom the computer science and



mathematics building and the Riley Institute at Furman are named, has had a long and distinguished career in public service. He was Secretary of Education in the Clinton administration and governor of South Carolina from 1979–87. In 1986 he was cited as one of the three most effective governors in the nation by *Newsweek* magazine, and in 2008 he was named one of the top 10 Cabinet members of the 20th century by *Time*. Today he is a senior partner in the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and its affiliate, EducationCounsel.

Edwin Bazil Commins, Jr. '48, June 2, Charleston, S.C. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army Air Force in Iceland for four years. Afterward he coached and taught at Walterboro (S.C.) High School for five years and for eight years at St. Paul's High School on Yorges Island. In 1963 he became athletic director and head basketball and football coach at St. Andrews High in Charleston. He left teaching briefly to work in sales, but returned to work in the Charleston schools until his retirement.

Eleanor Ashley DeVore '48, October 27, Honea Path, S.C. She taught in Greenville and Charleston counties and in Anderson District 2, from which she retired.

Aurelia Avery Edwards '48, April 13, Augusta, Ga. She was an accountant with Fuller, Frost and Associates.

William Bates Hair, Jr. '49, May 6, Gastonia, N.C. He served in the Naval Air Corps for three years during World War II. He was employed by Groves Thread Company as head of the fiber department and as a director of the company. He was also associated with Avon Bonded Warehouse, the Ambassador Company, Heavener Ozier Company and Quinn Cotton Company. He was a member of the American Philatelic Society and the American Legion.

Lois Odom Looper '49, April 30, Hiawassee, Ga. She was a teacher.

Jeanne Young Martin '49, July 4, 2011, Asheville, N.C.

Ivy Glenn McWhorter '49, April 4, Columbia, S.C. He served in the Navy, Marines and Army, retiring from the Marines and the Army as a major. He was a member of the Fellow Life Management Institute. After retiring from the South Carolina

Insurance Department, he worked as an insurance examiner for the states of Georgia and Delaware. He was a Mason and a Shriner and a Harley Davidson enthusiast.

Betty Warren Morgan '49, March 27, Raleigh, N.C. She was a social worker for the county and state.

Max McGee Rice '49, May 6, Colorado Springs, Colo. After serving in the Air Force he became vice president of Rice Mills, a family business. He resigned in 1960 to devote himself to Christian ministry. In 1965 he and his wife founded Look-Up Lodge Christian Retreat Center, where he was executive director and principal Bible teacher for 30 years. He was president of Christian Camping International/USA, vice president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, president of the South Carolina Baptist Brotherhood, and chair of the trustees of Anderson College. He wrote four books on Christian living.

Betty Jane Glenn Rowland '49, April 11, Spartanburg, S.C. She was a co-owner of Rowland Radiator Service and was a teacher in Spartanburg District 7. She and her husband, Vernon, were benefactors to many churches through the Pew Bible Ministry, which they established.

Malcolm Evans Ward, Jr. '49, October 21, Blythewood, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy before enrolling at Furman, then enjoyed a 39-year career with General Motors Acceptance Corporation. He was a member of the Jaycees and Kiwanis clubs.

Jimmie Morris Abernathy '50, January 18, Franklin, Tenn. She was a teacher.

Ira I. Bledsoe, Jr. '50, October 17, Richmond, Va. He earned a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and served as minister of education at several churches.

Sarah Burch Gregg '50, April 23, Mount Pleasant, S.C. She taught in North Carolina before moving to Wilmington, Del., where she earned a master's degree and taught kindergarten for 25 years.

Mahala Cochran Mohorn '50, April 17, Rocky Mount, N.C. She was a teacher for more than 30 years with the Nash-Rocky Mount City Schools.

James Adam O'Neal, Jr. '50, October 25, Ocala, Fla. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and a retired realtor.

Bobby Lewis Watson '50, October 15, Greenville. He was the personnel director for several companies before starting a temporary employment agency, Girl Friday, Inc. He was former president of the Greenville Area Personnel Association and was active in the South Carolina Genealogical Society. He was involved with the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, the Greenville County Historical Preservation Commission, the Carolina Backcountry Studies Group, the Sierra Club, and Upstate Forever. He was also a tenor soloist in the Upstate for more than 30 years.

Mary Lou Joyce Cooper '51, October 7, Pittsboro, N.C. She taught in the public schools of North Carolina.

William Harold Hill '51, April 5, Hendersonville, Tenn. After graduating from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1958, he served his residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He went on to establish Hill Radiology, where he practiced until his retirement.

Martha Marie Teague Lewis '51, October 19, Greenville. In 1958 she and her husband were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as church planters in Ohio. In 1965 they were called by the International Mission Board as missionaries to Trinidad, and they remained in international mission work for 29 years.

William B. Phillips '51 (M.Ed. '60), April 11, Greenville. An All-Southern Conference baseball player at Furman, he went on to serve in the U.S. Army. He managed and played on the baseball team at South Carolina's Fort Jackson before signing with the Philadelphia Athletics. After an injury ended his professional career, he coached baseball, basketball and football at Greenville High, then moved to Wade Hampton High in 1969 as athletic director, football coach and baseball coach. He started Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapters at both schools and was a member of the FCA board at his death. He coached in the Shrine Bowl and the North-South all-star game, was named the South Carolina Coaches and Athletic Directors State Coach of the Year for 1980-81, and was elected to the Greater Greenville Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991. The city also honored him for his success as coach of American Legion teams. In 1994 he received the state's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto. A baseball scholarship in his name has been established at Furman.

Dallas Whatley Griffin, Sr. '52, April 12, Greenville. He owned and operated J.M. Griffin and Son Fuel Oil and Hardware. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was a certified master gardener, a member of the Greenville Genealogy Society, and a former board member of Bankers Trust.

Florence Josephine Rice McGee '52, June 3, Spartanburg, S.C. She did graduate work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was a church organist and soloist, and was editor of 12 cookbooks.

Arolyn Jean Dow Antognoni '53, June 5, Jefferson, Maine. She taught home economics for two years in Greenville before returning to her hometown of Augusta, Maine, and taking a position as a home service advisor. A singer, she performed with church choirs, the CMP Lamplighters Chorus and the Bank of Maine Bicentennial Singers. She was a member of the Jefferson and Whitefield Historical societies, a board member of the Clary Lake Cemetery Association, a sewing instructor for Augusta Adult Education, and a loon count volunteer for the Maine Audubon Society.

Henry Lawrence Sanderson, Jr. '53, May 21, Wilmington, N.C. H.L. was a farmer and businessman in Duplin County, N.C. He was active in the North Carolina Baptist Association and was named Duplin County Red Cross Volunteer of the Year in 2000.

Walter Leslie Brown '54, May 22, Miami, Fla. Les was a retired major in the U.S. Army and headed the Dade County Department of Building and Zoning.

William Hardeman George, Jr. '54, March 24, Richmond, Va. A U.S. Army veteran, he worked for Hardwick Stove Company as a district sales manager.

Clinton A. Richardson '54, April 29, Seneca, S.C. He earned a Doctor of Theology degree from Texas Theological Seminary. He was pastor of churches in the Carolinas and Kentucky, served in a prison ministry and did evangelistic work.

Jacqueline Horne Short '54, May 13, Greenville. She was active in First Presbyterian Church and a life member of Presbyterian Women of the Church.

GARRETT WAS DELTA LEADER

DURING HIS 41 YEARS with Delta Air Lines, David Garrett rose through the ranks to become chief executive officer and chairman of the board. When he died June 2 at his home near Atlanta at the age of 89, relatives and colleagues remembered him as much for his generosity and friendly nature as for the contributions he made to the company's growth into one of the nation's leading airlines.



Jackie B. Pate, formerly in corporate communications with Delta, told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* of a time early in her career when Garrett spotted her at a local restaurant. "He saw me, and more than that, he knew my name," she said. "I think that impressed me more than anything, because I hadn't been with the company long . . . But he thought enough to come and say hello to my husband and me."

Such was Garrett's way, said his son, David III, who told the newspaper that his father cultivated a family atmosphere among employees: "He always took the interest of the people of the company to heart."

A native of Pickens, S.C., Garrett joined Delta as a reservation agent in 1946 after serving in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He held a number of leadership positions before being named president in 1971. He added the title of CEO in 1978 and held both posts until 1983, when he became chairman of the board and CEO. After retiring in 1987 he remained on the board of directors until 1994. In 2009 Delta dedicated a Boeing 777-200LR aircraft in his name.

He was a member of the Aviation Hall of Fame and was the International Airline Industry's Man of the Year in 1981.

A strong Furman supporter, Garrett served two terms on the board of trustees and was a member of the Advisory Council and the Heritage Society. Furman presented him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1982, and he also received the Distinguished Alumni and Bell Tower awards. The David C. Garrett, Jr., Presidential Scholarship is awarded annually, and in 1989 Delta established the David C. Garrett, Jr., Chair in Economics, currently held by Jeff Yankow. A road to the university's amphitheater is named in Garrett's honor.

Bob Coggin, a former executive at Delta, told the *Journal-Constitution*, "When I heard about his passing, I just had to take a moment, because it wasn't like I was hearing about a guy I worked for 20 years ago, but it was like hearing your grandfather died."

George Russell Sutton, Sr. '54, June 1, Greenville. Russ was an outstanding football and baseball player at Furman, earning all-state, all-conference and honorable mention All-America honors. He also played semi-pro baseball during the summers and was signed by the Cleveland Indians. After graduating he entered the Army, where he organized and coached the 4th Armor Group football team for the European command. He completed military service and joined Carolina Radio Supply Company as industrial sales manager. At his death he owned American Wiping Cloth, Inc. In 1990 he was inducted into the Sumter (S.C.) Sports Hall of Fame and the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame.

Charles "Bud" Baumgardner '55, December 25, Clovis, Calif.

Walter Andrew King '55, May 24, Cleveland, S.C. Andy was a standout football player who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was a retired salesman and a member of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Lester C. Rich '55, April 16, Greenville. Jack was a minister with many Upstate churches.

Hilda King Wright '55, May 11, Greenville. She attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and served as minister of music at several South Carolina churches. She retired as a teacher from League Academy in Greenville.

James Cohen Arms '57, October 22, Guyton, Ga. He was pastor of several Baptist churches in South Carolina before relocating to Johnson City, Tenn., where he was pastor of Pinecrest Baptist Church and studied for a master's degree in English at East Tennessee State University. He eventually moved to Savannah, Ga., where he led Cresthill Baptist Church for 21 years. In 1991 he began an 18-year career as a staff chaplain at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, and in 1992 he and his wife were commissioned as chaplains by the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Max Edward Robinson '59, April 23, Slater, S.C. He was a U.S. Air Force disabled veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Hazel Douglas Ross '62 (M.A. '82), March 25, Abingdon, Va. She was a teacher.

Dewey James Toney, M.A. '62, May 14, Forest City, N.C. A Navy veteran of World War II, he taught in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida, and in military dependent schools.

Charles Jackson Tucker '62, May 16, Rock Hill, S.C. Jack taught in a Greenville high school for a year before pursuing graduate work at the University of Georgia. He then taught at Furman, the University of Alabama and Clark College of Atlanta University before joining the faculty at Winthrop University in Rock Hill in 1980. There he served as chair of the sociology department for 18 years. After stepping down as chair he continued teaching until his retirement in 2006, when he was awarded emeritus status. In retirement he volunteered with the Adult Literacy Center and the York County Public Library. He was president of the Southern Demographic Association and was active in the American Sociology Association and the Population Association of America. He chaired the Policy Board of the South Carolina Gerontology Center from 1992–99 and was a consultant on aging with the state Department of Health and Human Services. He served as chair of the Mature Adults Subcommittee of the S.C. Long Term Care Council and Human Services Coordinating Council, and he was co-author of *York County South Carolina, Its People and Its Heritage*, published in 1983.

Gail Clarkston Crusco '63, October 21, Greenville. She was an artist who worked in oils, acrylics and stained glass. She was also a master gardener and a member of Mary Truesdale and Laurens Road garden clubs. She taught reading for the Greenville Literacy Association and was a realtor.

Eleanor Dale Davis '63, April 27, New York, N.Y. A theatrical manager who represented actors, writers and directors for more than 40 years, Dale began her career at the

Michael Thomas Agency. She opened Dale Davis & Co. in 1976 and then merged with Harris Spylios in 1988 to form Davis Spylios Management. Visit paulettealden.com to read author Paulette Bates Alden's tribute to Dale in her blog entry titled "Big Love: Dale Davis (1939–2012)."

Paul Edward Blackmon '64, November 4, Tigerville, S.C. He retired from the state Department of Natural Resources. He was a charter member of the Tigerville Volunteer Fire Department and later was elected commissioner.

Theresa Bingham McNeill, M.A. '65, Woodruff, S.C. She was a retired educator, having served as the first guidance counselor at League Middle School in Greenville. She was also a talented seamstress, quilt-maker and competitive card player.

Bennett Ray Skelton '65, May 8, Greenville. He owned and operated Skelton Landscaping and Construction. In 1975 his company was responsible for planting the first trees on Main Street in Greenville, which contributed to the revitalization of the city. A decorated Air Force veteran, he served during the Korean War from 1951–53. He was a commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was active in prison ministry.

Steven R. Straub '67, March 30, Lawrenceville, Ga. A U.S. Navy veteran, he was a sales manager with Bostik Regional Products.

Larry Davis '68, May 14, Durham, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970–72, including a year in Vietnam.

Helen Anna Bragg, M.A. '69, June 12, Greenville. She retired in 1986 after 38 years with the Greenville County School System, completing her career as an education supervisor.

David Russell Stone '71, November 7, Seneca, S.C. He was a partner with Deloitte Consulting, serving as a computer consultant in the Charlotte, N.C., office. After moving to Seneca he worked for several years with Westpoint Stevens.

Thomas Jefferson Walker '71, May 9, Greenville. He studied at Cambridge University in England and worked as a freelance writer.

Robin Elizabeth Walton Hendricks Crossley '72, March 28, Greenville. She taught for 25 years at Easley (S.C.) High School and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Ellen Edwards Burnham, M.A. '73, April 28, Simpsonville, S.C. She retired from the Greenville County School System after 30 years as a teacher.

Hannah Lever Wishman '74, October 24, Greenville. Nan was a librarian at Beck Middle School.

Wanda B. Adams '76, June 14, Greenville. She was retired from the city's Department of Social Services.

P. Lawrence Hoffman '78, October 5, Swansea, S.C. He graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law and worked in civil service in South Carolina.

Walter Jackson Coleman, Jr. '83, March 29, Jacksonville, Fla. Jack was a talented musician and played with a band named Rock City Angels. He was also a master artisan with stone, creating one-of-a-kind designs and installations. He was an avid skeet shooter in his youth and won the national Triple Crown award when he was 12.

Daniel Bruce Gentry '83, October 30, Greenville. Bruce was a teacher and musician and worked as an actor with the National Shakespeare Co.

William Robert Hudgens, Jr. '83, May 16, Spartanburg, S.C. Bobby was a supervisor with Old Dominion Freightline.

William Banks Patrick III '93, October 4, Phoenix, Ariz. Banks completed law school at the University of South Carolina. He taught English in Japan for two years, followed by several years in Vail, Colo., where he worked with adults with disabilities. At his death he was studying at Midwestern University to become a physician assistant.

ARTISTIC CHUTZPAH: THIGPENS LEAVE DRAMATIC LEGACY

GRADES DO NOT DETERMINE DESTINY.

Jim Thigpen '67 got a "D" in acting class at Furman. But that less-than-stellar mark did not deter him, because in the ensuing decades he managed to alter the theatrical landscape in South Carolina for the better as a producer, director and, yes, actor.

Since 1985 Thigpen and his wife, Kay, have run Trustus Theatre in Columbia, a professional non-profit theatre that specializes in cutting-edge, provocative works that most theatres won't consider. Under the Thigpens' aegis, Trustus gained a national reputation for excellence and earned the right to be the first in the Southeast to premiere many of the most important plays and musicals of the past three decades, including *Falsettos* and Pulitzer Prize winner *Angels in America*.

Jim Thigpen says Trustus was created as an answer to a question. "We asked ourselves: 'What is missing in this town?' Community theatres had their own missions, but the work was nothing to really sink your teeth into. So we decided to bring in shows that other theatres never do, the stuff that's popular Off-Broadway. That's our niche, and we wanted to make the work accessible. Instead of a stuffy experience, at Trustus we've always sold beer and had munchies on the table, and comfortable chairs."

Occasionally a show has provoked local ire, such as when swastikas were painted on the theatre's door and walls during a production of *Bent*, a play about two gay men in a Nazi concentration camp. But, as often happens, the resulting controversy boosted ticket sales.

Trustus has also helped jump-start careers like that of David Lindsay-Abaire, whose Tony Award-nominated works include *Rabbit Hole*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2007. In 1995, Lindsay-Abaire was struggling to get anything produced when Thigpen called and said Trustus wanted to present his play *A Show of Hands*.

Lindsay-Abaire writes, "Many theatres brag about being on the frontline of American drama, discovering new talents and producing new plays, but very few will actually take the risks that Jim and Trustus take. Jim is willing to pull a script off a pile of plays and



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commit to producing it, even though the writer is totally unknown . . .

"Jim took that risk with me, and it gave me encouragement at the very moment I needed it most. I've since been incredibly lucky in my career, and very grateful for all the support I've received, but Jim and Trustus were there first, and for that I will always be in their debt."

Thigpen, a Chicago native, has long pushed the boundaries of people's sensibilities. He enrolled at Furman in the early '60s after a stint in the Navy, arriving with three extra years of life experience . . . and a tattoo.

"No one had a tattoo," says Thigpen. "It caused quite a stir. I was a big-city kid and didn't really fit in, but that made the entire experience fascinating."

He soon joined a fraternity (Centaur), met his first wife (Sally Boyd, with whom he remains friendly), and started Furman's wrestling team, which he captained and coached his sophomore year. And that was not to be his only Furman first.

Retired drama professor Phil Hill e-mailed his memories of the time: "In the spring of 1966 I directed *Inherit the Wind*, and Jim auditioned. I immediately cast him as Bertram Cates, and he was excellent in the role. . . . From then on, Jim was either onstage or backstage for every show we did until he graduated.

"We instituted a major in drama that year, graduating our first class in June, 1967. Jim was in it. He likes to describe himself as Furman's first drama major, and in one sense that's true, for the other two students who graduated from the drama and speech department that year were more interested in speech, whereas Jim was hooked on theatre."

Thigpen says being a jock did not endear him to many in the department, but his brother was working as an actor and he wanted to do the same. "I broke the stereotype," he says. "It's too bad that we don't bridge that gap between artists and athletes more often."

After college Thigpen coached high school wrestling for a few years. He says many skills transfer from gym to stage, "especially in terms of psychology. In both you work as a team, you need to identify strengths and weaknesses, and you have

to know how to motivate some more than others. The major difference is that during a play you can't scream from the sidelines."

Now, 27 years after Trustus opened its doors, the Thigpens have handed the house keys over to their successors. Their departure has not been unnoticed. In June they received the Silver Crescent Award for outstanding service to the state — the perfect companion to the Verner Award, the highest honor the state gives in the arts, which Trustus received in 2000.

In retirement, Thigpen says he and Kay want to get to know each other again. "We lived and worked together as a couple for 27 years. It's amazing we've made it through."

Before they started Trustus, the Thigpens took a trip to Key West, Fla. Afterward they talked about visiting the other end of the East Coast. Now, almost three decades later, they're taking that road trip to Maine. "We're gonna eat some lobster," says Jim.

— RANDALL DAVID COOK

The author, a 1991 graduate, is resident playwright for Gotham Stage Company in New York City. His latest work, In a Town Near Faith, was performed June 11 as part of the company's SPRINGboard New Works Reading Series.

THE LAST WORD



High Hills of Santee Baptist Church, where early Furman students worked on their preaching skills.

A taste of history in the High Hills of Santee

IN 1829, THE FURMAN ACADEMY and Theological Institution was in trouble. Just a few years after its establishment in 1826 the school's enrollment had dwindled to only three students, its principal had resigned, and the South Carolina Baptist Convention had been forced to forfeit the Edgefield property on which the school was located.

Rather than face the prospect of closure, though, the convention placed the remaining students with the Rev. Jesse Hartwell. Hartwell accepted the students into his home outside Stateburg in Sumter County, where he taught, housed and fed them on a salary of \$400 per year. The students also practiced preaching at High Hills of Santee Baptist Church, where Hartwell was minister.

Enrollment increased under Hartwell's direction. He built cabins to house the new students, largely at his own expense. The students occupied so much of his time that in 1830 the Rev. Samuel Furman, son of Richard Furman, joined the institution as a junior professor. The school appeared to be on more solid footing.

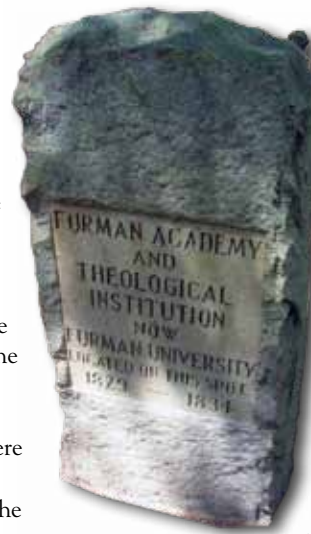
Yet by 1834 funding for Furman Academy and Theological Institution was so far in arrears that Hartwell and Furman were forced to resign. The

school's financial burden had fallen almost exclusively to the two men, and both were heavily in debt. The convention was unable to find suitable replacements, and the institution shut its doors in December of 1834.

The closing marked the end of Furman's years in the High Hills of Santee. The school reopened two years later near Winnsboro, where students could farm the fertile land to help cover the school's expenses.

In 1930 Furman reacquired the High Hills property, where it placed a historical marker carved of Winnsboro granite. The Sumter County Historical Commission placed another marker nearby in 1978. But the site was allowed to languish and was eventually reclaimed by a pine forest.

Last year, however, members of the commission rediscovered the marker and launched a project to refurbish the area around it — and



to ensure its future maintenance. This spring, on April 21, commission members were joined by Furman representatives, descendants of the Furman family, and members of the High Hills of Santee Baptist Church at a ceremony to rededicate the site.

Nearly 200 years ago, students at the Furman Academy and Theological Institution pursued a rigorous, interdisciplinary education, much as today's students do. As trees and brush overtook the site, the significance of their efforts and of their place in history — to Furman, to Sumter County and to South Carolina — faded.

Today, with the debris cleared and the 1978 marker repainted, the meaning of this historic patch of land is now apparent to anyone who happens upon Dodgen Hill Road in the High Hills of Santee, S.C.

— CELESTE BREWER

The author, a 2012 graduate, is an intern in the James B. Duke Library's Department of Special Collections and Archives.



Kevin Byrne '91, is Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The University Financing Foundation, Inc., and President of the Association of University Research Parks.

Fred Current retired from the Furman faculty in 1999 after serving for 20 years.

“Flaws. That’s what he told me I needed to work on.

We’ve been close ever since!” — Kevin Byrne '91, on Fred Current

Sometimes, it’s the unexpected that changes our lives. For Kevin Byrne, the incisive and supportive mentorship of Fred Current, professor of Business and Accounting, set him on a path to success.

Last year, Byrne joined 17 other alumni in honoring influential teachers and mentors at Furman through The Furman Standard, an endowed fund that supports faculty scholarship, research, and teaching—and ensures that each

new generation of Furman students continues to enjoy the benefits of close faculty relationships.

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